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**SCULPTOR COMES THROUGH.** It just wouldn't be the holidays in Wilmington without an ice sculpture on the Town Common. Professional sculptor Stephan Ripianzi, a Wilmington resident, knows this, which is why he was out on the Common on Tuesday night, chipping away at a huge block of ice until he had a sleigh hoisted on a wish of good tidings for all to see. Ripianzi had been scheduled to create a sculpture for last weekend's tree-lighting ceremony, which was cancelled due to a certain storm that blew through. (Maybe you heard about it.) Above, Ripianzi can be seen with his son, Alex, who is in the yellow coat, and Shawn Reardon, Madison and Rich Molloy, and Bobby Bryant. (Stu Neilson photo)

## McCoy challenges process of appointing Chief Nally's successor

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Town Manager Michael Cairra plans to appoint Wilmington Deputy Police Chief Robert Spencer to succeed Police Chief Bernard Nally, who plans to retire in May of 2004.

During a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Monday, December 8, Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy pressed Cairra as to why he is not calling for a Civil Service Police Chief Exam to officially determine the candidate who should replace Nally. At the meeting, Cairra stated

that he intends to appoint Spencer, who has had a career with the Wilmington Police Department since the 1970s. Cairra said that Spencer has done a "remarkable" job and, in his mind, would be a very "able" leader during the final years of his career. Furthermore, Cairra noted that he intends to look within the police department to select Spencer's successor as deputy chief.

McCoy asserted that Spencer has been an acting deputy chief and not a permanent one during the past few years since

Nally rose to the top rank in the department.

"Bobby Spencer is a good guy, and I'm sure he will do a great job, but I also acknowledge that there are other police officers capable of becoming Chief of Police," McCoy stated. "I'm just looking at what I think is fair. (Spencer) is the acting Deputy Chief. He hasn't even taken a test for the Deputy Chief position, and now you are going to promote him from acting Deputy Chief to acting Chief of Police without taking a test. I'm sure he is qualified and would do wonders on the

test, but I think it is only fair that you should call for a test." Cairra responded that, as far as he is concerned, Spencer is the deputy chief.

"From a Civil Service per-

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## Mother Nature packs a punch

Wilmington buried under two feet of snow

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Looks like Old Man Winter is here to stay.

A whopping 23 inches of snow blanketed Wilmington last weekend, wreaking havoc on holiday plans and dealing residents a cold snap to boot.

According to Mark Peters, the General Foreman of the Wilmington Department of Public Works (DPW), the flakes began flying at approximately 11 p.m. on Friday night and ended around 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evening. There was a brief lull in the storm after four inches had fallen that allowed contractors and DPW employees an opportunity to finish plowing their routes and create bankings in parking lots throughout town.

The storm may have been a big one, eating approximately \$150,000 of the \$350,000 in the town's snow-and-ice budget for this winter, but there were plenty of advantages that helped crews get their jobs done.

For starters, says Peters, the snow was light, cold and dry, as opposed to heavy and wet. As a result, less pressure was placed on tree branches and wires, so very little of them, if any, fell. There was one blackout in an isolated area in town that lasted all of 25 seconds, prompting Peters to hardly classify the occurrence as a power outage at all.

Secondly, there was less traffic on the road because the storm raged on a weekend. The majority of residents likely hunkered down in their homes and waited out the weather. In

fact, according to the logs at the Wilmington Police Department, there was only a single car accident, which happened on King Street, that occurred on Saturday. On Sunday, a few more accidents resulted, this time on Lake Street, Bay Street and Aldrich Road.

According to Peters, approximately 60 pieces of equipment were out on the roads, clearing them, laying down dirt and making them safe. That number of pieces of equipment suited this storm just fine.

"We had some breakdowns and had to do some juggling, but (the number of pieces of equipment) was good for us, for that kind of storm," Peters says.

If there was one definite downside to the storm, Peters says it was the duration of it.

"The duration puts a lot of stress on our guys," he says. "They kept going for 44 hours without rest. That's a lot of hours on the guys."

Although it was Old Man Winter who struck, some might wonder if it was actually the Grinch who paid Wilmington a visit. (For the kids, though, perhaps it felt like Santa Claus paid a call, for school was cancelled on Monday.) Two holiday events that were scheduled for this past weekend were affected as a result of the inclement weather. One has been postponed, and the other has been cancelled altogether.

The Harnden Tavern was to hold its annual holiday social

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## Improvements presented for intersection of Rtes. 38 and 62

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Plans are in place to improve the intersection of Routes 38 and 62 in Wilmington.

During a meeting on Monday, December 8, Christer Ericsson,

of Greenman and Pedersen, Inc. (GPI), recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the left-hand lane traveling northbound on Route 38, towards Tewksbury, should be reserved exclusively for left hand turns,

as should the left-hand lane of Route 62 traveling westbound towards Burlington.

The left-hand lane of Route 38 traveling southbound, towards Route 93, will remain as two general purpose lanes, while the right-hand lane of Route 62, traveling eastbound, towards the Wilmington Public Safety Building, will provide an exclusive right-hand turn lane.

To implement these recommendations, a left-hand only signal head will be added for the northbound approach and a right-turn signal head will be added to the eastbound approach. Pavement markings and signs will be added and southbound signals will remain unchanged.

GPI conducted traffic studies of the area and found that approximately 23,600 vehicles per weekday and 20,300 vehicles on Saturdays travel along Route 38. Approximately 13,000 vehicles travel along Route 62 on a normal weekday and 10,700 on a Saturday.

The town had suggested exclusive left-hand turn lanes for all

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## Tax classification postponed until Feb.

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Board of Selectmen has followed a recommendation by Town Assessor Humphrey "Skip" Moynihan and has postponed its re-classification of the community's property tax rate until February.

Moynihan made his recommendation to the board during a meeting on Monday, December 8. He first appeared before selectmen during their November 24th meeting and alerted them to legislation which could spare residents from a drastic increase in their

residential property taxes.

Residential property values have skyrocketed in recent years while values for commercial, industrial and personal properties (CIP) have remained rather stagnant, creating a shift in the tax burden between the two classifications.

Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney signed into law a piece of legislation on December 1 designed to create a special commission which will draft legislation by January 12, 2004, authorizing communities to adopt a levy on commercial,

## Textron Systems lands \$38M Army contract

Company will develop technology that will save soldiers' lives

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - The United States Army has tapped Textron Systems to develop technology for its Future Combat Systems (FCS) program that will improve the safety and communications of American soldiers and their allies in the battlefield.

The corporation, which has a facility on Lowell Street in Wilmington, signed a \$38 million contract for the project during a ceremony on Thursday, December 4. In

doing so, Textron joins 22 other partners that have been selected by the Army to serve as a "Best of Industry" team that will create the technology and demonstrate its effectiveness.

Richard Millman, the President of Textron, sees the contract as an opportunity for his corporation to provide a "continuing flow" of high-tech, important jobs and assert Wilmington's position as the home of the latest in defense technology.

"You'll be very proud of what

they'll be able to do as we move forward," Millman said about the Textron employees who will help the Army realize its vision.

Specifically, Textron will be developing an unattended ground sensor system that will be able to detect, classify, locate and track vehicles, low-flying aircraft and personnel in both urban and rural settings. As a result, soldiers will be able to master the dimensions and visuals of their surroundings or a distant region in a fashion

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## Team-The Army/DARPA/Industry



**MAKING IT OFFICIAL.** Textron President Richard Millman, seated at right, shakes hands with Boeing Director Don De Pree moments after the two men signed a contract that gives a go to the Lowell Street company to help develop technology for the United States Army that will improve the safety and information-gathering of our troops. Behind both men are United States Congressmen John Tierney, left, and Marty Meehan, right. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



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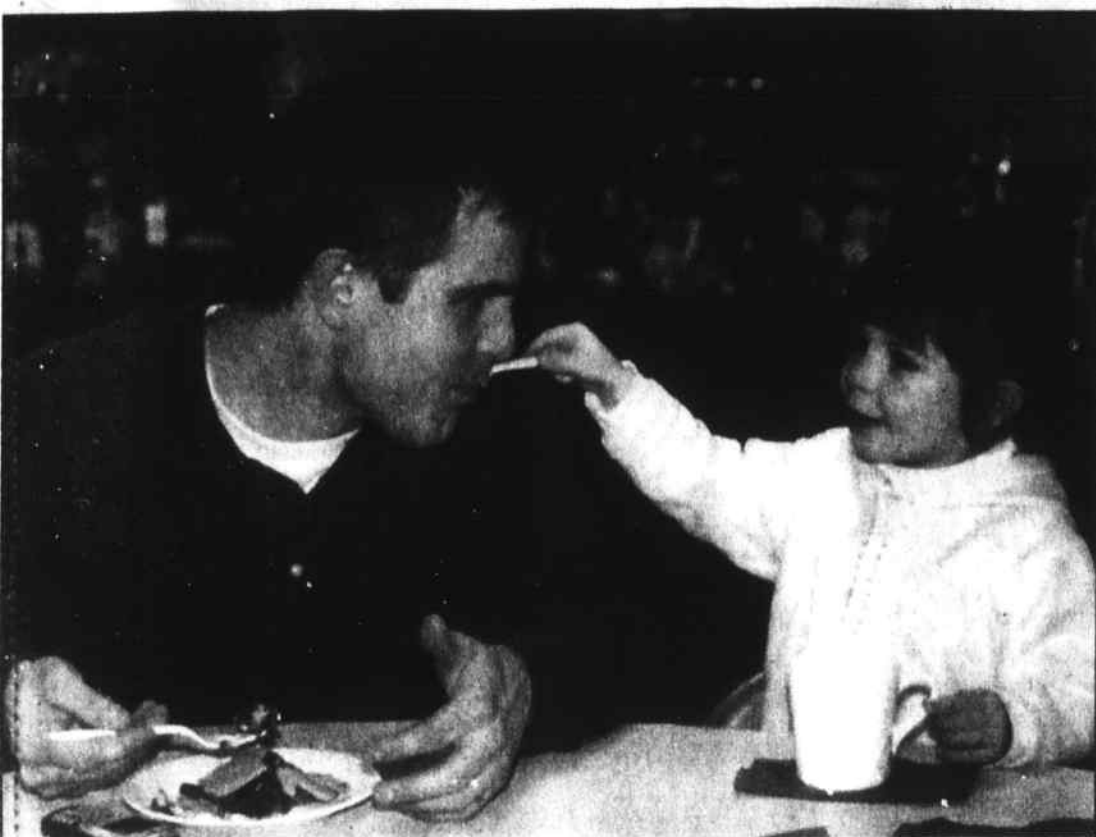
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**TIME FOR SHARING.** Father Peter Guglietta probably feels like it was just yesterday that he was the one spoonfeeding his daughter Audra, so imagine the twist last Friday night when she was the one who fed him at the pie social that was held at the Tewksbury Congregational Church after the tree-lighting ceremony last Friday night. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Inwood Office Park site

## Proposal withdrawn for residential development

WOBURN - A proposal for a residential development at the InWood Office Park site was withdrawn during a recent Woburn City Council meeting at the request of the landowner.

An attorney representing Saticoy InWood said the petition would be re-filed with a public hearing held after the new city council is inaugurated in January.

"We are down to the wire and some of you (Aldermen) still have questions," said attorney Joseph Tarby, who filed the request for a leave of withdrawal late Monday afternoon. "We will need some additional time."

Saticoy InWood was seeking a zoning change to a new S-2 (mixed use) zoning district that would have allowed as many as 527 apartment units at the InWood site, which lies on a sliver of land between Route 93 and the Reading line.

The council would be required to approve two petitions, one to create the S-2 zone and another to re-zone the 55 acre parcel.

Tarby noted the council had 90 days to take action from the public hearing on Sept. 2, a deadline that would have passed on Monday.

"We cannot extend this because it is a re-zoning," said Tarby. "It either dies in committee (or is approved)."

Even if the re-zoning request is approved, Saticoy will still be required to obtain a special permit for the residential development itself.

Though the InWood parcel can only be accessed through Wilmington and Reading and appeared to have little traffic impact on Woburn, the proposal for apartments appeared to be doomed from the start.

At the public hearing in September, nearly every member of the council was critical

of the rezoning proposal. Ward 4 Alderman William Booker likened the re-zoning request to Saticoy "buying an ice cream truck in Siberia and asking the locals for relief".

The council had to act on the re-zoning petition, since the 90-day period from the date of the public hearing was set to expire.

A massive office park was proposed by Texas developer Edward Callan, until the commercial real estate market went dry in late 2001.

Saticoy purchased the land at an auction, but could not market the property commercially and eventually asked the city for re-zoning so a residential use could be proposed.

If the re-zoning request is approved, Saticoy will still be required to obtain a special permit for the residential development itself.

## Pantry can assist families

TEWKSBURY - Tewksbury residents who are having trouble making financial ends meet can receive food assistance from the Tewksbury Community Pantry.

Proof of residency and social security numbers for every member of the household are required at the time of application.

The Pantry is located at 999 Whipple Road, at the intersection of Pine Street, behind the Department of Public Works building.

For more information, call 978-858-2273 and leave a message.

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## Wilmington Plaza Signals will go solid this week

WILMINGTON - The new signals at the entrance of the Wilmington Plaza will soon stop flashing.

According to Town Manager Michael Caira and Deputy Police Chief Robert Spencer, the lights will be fully functional effective Friday, December 12.

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## From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

### Nobody's Wrong

Both sides have good points, really. During a selectmen meeting in Wilmington on Monday night, Chairman Michael McCoy questioned the method by which Town Manager Michael Caira plans to appoint Deputy Chief Robert Spencer to replace Chief Bernard Nally when he retires from the police department this May. McCoy wants Caira to call for a Civil Service Police Chief exam for all interested parties, so that Spencer and others in the department can get a fair shake in their quest for the top spot.

Caira sees the matter differently. As the town's manager, he is charged with making appointments to all departments that he feels serve in the best interest of the community. He is granted such authority by the Town Charter.

On Monday night, McCoy asserted that Spencer is merely the town's acting deputy chief and that a promotion would simply make him an acting chief. Caira conceded that perhaps Spencer might appear that way from a civil service perspective, but he stood confident that Spencer is viewed by his colleagues in the department as the official deputy chief. The manager stated that, in his eyes, Spencer sure is the deputy chief.

There's nothing wrong with McCoy's suggestion, which, in order to avoid politics, he did not frame as a motion to direct the town manager to call for a civil service exam. (McCoy flirted with politics, however, when he charged that Caira was primarily promoting Spencer in order to enhance his pension benefits.) If anything, McCoy's recommendation is in step with the attempts that he has made to run things differently in town since he became chairman of the board last spring.

In the end, though, the substance of McCoy's argument stands simply as a call for fairness.

Fairness is good, right? Residents were right to demand fairness during the processes of filling the vacancies that have occurred on the Board of Selectmen during these last few years. Selectmen are, after all, elected officials, and residents should have a say when there is an open spot on the board.

In the instance of naming Nally's successor, though, so-called fairness could needlessly complicate a decision that the appointing authority already sees clearly. An argument could also be made that appointing Spencer is fair because he has served loyally and effectively within the department for decades.

A police chief, remember, is not an elected official. He's a department head who is chosen by the man who does the hiring and the firing.

And, in this case, that man has much to bolster his selection of Spencer.

For starters, Caira has that appointing authority granted to him by the Town Charter. If McCoy or other selectmen feel that the power of the town manager is too broad, then they should use their influence to effect changes to the Town Charter.

Second of all, Spencer took the Civil Service Police Chief Exam three years ago. According to Caira, he scored highly and placed second only to Nally, who, we all know, succeeded Bobby Stewart as chief.

Third of all, acting or otherwise, Spencer has served as Deputy Police Chief of the Wilmington Police Department for the past three years. You don't get any closer to the title of police chief than that. Given Caira's satisfaction with Spencer's job performance, Spencer is just as logical and strong a choice for police chief as the vice president of a company would be for the executive position.

Like it says at the top, nobody's wrong here. McCoy wants his standards for fairness met. Caira believes Spencer to be the best choice to lead those who protect and serve Wilmington.

In one corner, you have a call for fairness, which, when appropriate, is admirable but does not always guarantee the best results.

In the other corner, you have judgment, a skill which a manager is paid to use and trusted to exercise wisely.

Go with the judgment.

## The Poetry Nook

### 'Twas the Night Before . . . (with apologies to Clement Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the town,  
Not a resident was stirring, all had settled down.  
They were all snug in their chairs in front of the TV.  
It was time for the next episode of political reality.

Then all at once there arose such a clatter.  
I looked up from my paper to see what was the matter.  
And what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a new chairman with two new members near.

A wink of the eye and a twist of the head,  
Soon let Attorney Mike know he had something to dread.  
I knew in a flash the vote would be done.  
And just as expected, it was four to one.

The new town counsel soon had a case of filegate.  
"Where are all the files; I am missing thirty eight."  
Not with the manager, not with Alan and not with Mike.  
Then all at once they reappeared; so what's not to like.

The minutes were ready and typed with care,  
In hopes the Board would find no mistakes there.  
Were there too many quotes; what is the meaning of poll?  
Had us all laughing and shaking like a jelly roll.

And I heard someone exclaim as the meeting ended in a verbal fight,  
"Live from Wilmington, it's Monday night!"

George R. Allan  
Wilmington

Kevin Anderson

### Sometimes, the money's not there for teachers' raises

I had some interesting conversations with friends who are teachers in both Billerica and Tewksbury. Both towns are currently involved in tough teacher contract negotiations.

I do have to admit that I have never been involved in a union or had a union represent me in my quest for higher pay. Because of this, I'm not sure I understand the whole teacher union philosophy that says that teachers work harder, work longer hours, and get paid less than every other profession out there.

I think that it is completely wrong to try and compare what I do as compared to a teacher. Teachers would like you to believe that their job is more important than everyone else's job. My job is not any less important than a teacher's job.

Where a teacher may have great influence in a person's life when they are young, I take what the teachers have done and build on that. If I'm a good employer, and they were a good teacher, I continue to encourage life-long learning and try to use our influence on them as they get older. I teach them about becoming productive in both the work force and about their new roles in adult life. Combined, we both hope that we have helped them become productive members of society.

Somehow, teachers have forgotten that they work in the public sector and not for private industry. Once someone becomes a public servant, they know that they'll never get rich. They accept that fact as soon as they sign up to be a teacher or a policeman or a firefighter. As a public employee, they are beholden to public funding. If the money is there, they get a raise; if not, they don't. It's that simple.

When I worked in private industry, I was envious of the time off teachers had. But you know something? I made more money than most teachers did. I'm not saying I did a job that was more important than a teacher, but I was required to do things like travel across the country and spend many a night and weekend by myself in some motel away from my family. Did I like that? Heck, no. But if I wanted to get paid the salary I did, it was a requirement. When I got fed up with traveling, I quit and found a new job.

I'm not trying to put teachers down, but if you haven't walked in my shoes, then don't tell me how your job is more important than mine. Don't tell me that you won't stay after school to give a kid extra help, or that you will knowingly decide to

break a state law and maybe go on strike. Don't compare yourself to the police, fire or DPW employees in your quest to get more money. You don't do their job, so don't compare yourself to their professions and their salaries.

Every three years we go through the same thing. Oh, we talk about small contractual language changes, but you know something? It all comes down to one thing, money.

Over time, as is the case in Tewksbury, we become top-heavy with teachers who are at the maximum step of the pay scale. Remember, you don't have to be the best teacher to get the highest pay. The teacher's pay scale is based on longevity, and the teacher's degree level, not classroom performance. That is a basic flaw in the negotiations.

The town is forced to live within a 2 percent increase on property tax. For people who may not know this, the 2 percent is all we should increase the teachers' salary. If we go over that amount, we have to be able to identify where we are going to take the money from. In tough times, teachers and other town workers may not even get a 2 percent raise; it may be less, but that's the thing they signed up for when they became a public servant.

The higher the pay increase, the more money it costs to settle the contract. Every year the cost goes up, and the School Committee is forced to consider laying off younger teachers, which results in higher classroom size, and we start the cycle all over again. Layoffs and higher class size, or more money for the teachers at maximum step.

In my opinion, the number of teachers in a system is more important than paying teachers with the most seniority more money for raises.

I know that a majority of teachers work hard and deserve every penny they get, but they also need to remember that we can't always afford the pay increases they think they deserve.

There is no need to use expensive mediators to try and settle these contract talks. Both sides need to go into a room, tell the truth about the town's finances, and things will all work out. Let's show the kids that adults can work together and get along.

That's a simple lesson that we all can teach.

## Bookends

by Debra Russo

Bookends met on December 4, 2003 to discuss *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.

Everywhere you look there's an article on America's obesity problems and their links to fast food. Eric Schlosser thinks the fast food industry has also helped trigger the homogenization of our society, hastened the "mall and sprawl" of our landscape, widened the chasm between rich and poor, and become a symbol of American imperialism abroad.

And then he shows us why. Americans spend more money on fast food than on higher education, personal computers, computer software, or new cars. We spend more on fast food than on movies, books, magazines, newspapers, videos, and recorded music combined.

Schlosser is writing about the fast food industry as a whole - the Taco Bells, Pizza Huts, Dunkin' Donuts, KFCs, Subways, etc. - but McDonald's comes to symbolize the lot of them. It's astonishing to consider just how big a corporation it is: it annually hires about a million people, more than any other American organization. It's the nation's largest purchaser of beef, pork and potatoes, and the second largest of chicken.

The typical American now consumes approximately three hamburgers and four orders of french fries every week. And these are not your mother's hamburgers. According to Schlosser, the current methods for preparing fast foods are "less likely to be found in cookbooks than in trade journals such as Food Technologist and Food Engineering. Aside from the salad greens and tomatoes, most fast food is delivered to the restaurant already frozen, canned, dehydrated, or freeze-dried. A fast-food kitchen is merely the final stage in a vast and highly complex system of mass production. Foods that may look familiar have in fact been completely reformulated. What we eat has changed more in the last forty years than in the previous forty thousand. . . . Much of the taste and aroma of American fast food, for example, is now manufactured at a series of large chemical plants off the

New Jersey Turnpike."

Schlosser takes us on a field trip to International Flavors & Fragrances (IFF), the world's largest flavor company, where we learn that natural flavors and artificial flavors are both manufactured, just differently. And, in an age when microwave ovens do not easily coexist with delicate and subtle flavors and aromas, the job of the "flavorist," the new alchemist, is to create illusions about processed food. As Schlosser reports while inhaling a fragrance-testing filter, "...I suddenly smelled a grilled hamburger. The aroma was uncanny, almost miraculous. It smelled like someone in the room was flipping burgers on a hot grill. But when I opened my eyes, there was just a narrow strip of white paper and a smiling flavorist."

It's no accident that popular American cuisine is more factory than farm, conveyor belt than kitchen. The labor practices of the fast food industry have their origins in the assembly line systems of the early twentieth century and the concern with speed and volume.

More than 70 percent of fast food visits are impulsive, so in order to succeed fast food restaurants must be located near heavy traffic. Our automotive culture encouraged a new kind of architecture: manmade landscapes loud and bold enough to catch a motorist's eye while driving. The McDonald's Corporation is the largest owner of retail property in the world, earning the majority of its profits not from selling food, but from collecting rent! Corporate planes and helicopters once flew near schools and along highways and roads looking for growth patterns and cheap land for new restaurants. Now they use commercial satellite photography to predict sprawl and development from outer space.

Schlosser details the lengths fast food marketers will go to sell to kids, and the alliances they form with sports leagues and Hollywood studios. McDonald's operates more playgrounds than any other private entity in the country,

and is one of the nation's largest distributors of toys. That's not toys for charity, mind you. These are the toys they advertise on children's TV to get your kids to whine for Happy Meals, because studies indicate certain tastes introduced to children at a young age will remain with them through life. America's beverage industry is making inroads into our schools in spite of the adverse affect this is having on our children's health. Teaching materials provided by these new academic "corporate sponsors" are often biased in favor of the sponsor's viewpoint.

In 1906 Upton Sinclair wrote a book called *The Jungle* about the horrific and unsanitary conditions in the meat-packing plants in Chicago. The public's outrage caused President Theodore Roosevelt to order an independent investigation, and when its accuracy was confirmed, legislation was passed requiring federal inspection of all meat sold through interstate commerce. When Schlosser tours a slaughterhouse nearly a full century later, we at Bookends were horrified. Not just for the mechanics of the meat-packing process, which are

gruesome, but for the callous way we treat the animals we use for food. I'll spare you the details.

Around the world, countries are beginning to ban advertising aimed at children. A French farmer named Jose Bove led a group that demolished a McDonald's under construction in his home town and became a national hero. The Italians began the Slow Food movement, encouraging the use of regional ingredients. London Greenpeace fought McDonald's in court.

Why not make a New Year resolution to eat less fast food and discover a nice, independent restaurant instead? Bon appetit!

Bookends meets the first Thursday of every month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Wilmington Memorial Library. Next meeting, January 8, 2004, to discuss *The Winter of Our Discontent* by John Steinbeck. All are welcome.

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**Monday, December 1**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Middlesex Avenue and Main Street.  
Authorities handled an argument that reportedly occurred between a male and a female on Jewel Drive.  
Officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Main Street.  
Frank Grillo, 21, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 600 Main Street on the basis of a warrant of apprehension relating to a civil matter.  
**Tuesday, December 2**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Adams Street, Main Street, Nichols Street, Grand Street, Aldrich

Road, West Street, Fordham Road, and Church Street.  
A motorcycle was reportedly maliciously damaged on Kidder Place.  
Authorities handled a customer at Cingular Wireless on Lowell Street who disturbed the peace by refusing to leave the premises.  
Christmas decorations were reportedly vandalized at a residence on Great Neck Drive.  
Daniel Surette, 37, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 279 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.  
**Wednesday, December 3**  
An assault and battery reportedly occurred in the parking lot of Lucchi's Supermarket on Lowell Street.  
**Thursday, December 4**

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Woburn Street and Church Street.  
Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Lowell Street.  
Edwin Mahoney, 31, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 30 Lowell Street on the basis of a warrant.  
Michael Gerald, 35, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 240 Main Street and was charged with operating a vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license.  
Peo Thoeun, 33, of Lowell, was arrested on Interstate 93 on the basis of a warrant.  
**Friday, December 5**  
Christopher Worob, 39, of Wilmington, was arrested in

the vicinity of 279 Main Street and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and resisting arrest.  
**Saturday, December 6**  
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on King Street.  
An attempt was reportedly made to burglarize Gibbs Oil Company.  
Officers helped resolve a dispute between neighbors on Lords Court.  
**Sunday, December 7**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street, Bay Street, and Aldrich Road.

## Tewksbury Police Log

**Monday, December 1**  
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.  
A vehicle was reportedly stolen on Woburn Street.  
A fight reportedly occurred between individuals on Whipple Road.  
Authorities handled a disturbance to the peace that reportedly occurred at MacDonald Real Estate on Main Street.  
A customer at Enterprise Bank & Trust reportedly maliciously "kicked in" the front door of the business.  
A BB pellet was reportedly maliciously fired through a window of a home on Marie Street.  
**Tuesday, December 2**  
Motor vehicle-related acci-

dents were reported on Andover Street, Catamount Road, Coolidge Road, Main Street, Woburn Street, South Street, and Chandler Street.  
A car was reportedly egged while it was parked in the lot of Stadium Plaza on Main Street.  
Nataaniel DeMatos, 37, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 918 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.  
Eliseu Taborda, 19, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 20 Main Street and was charged with the unlicensed operation of a vehicle.  
**Wednesday, December 3**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Lowe Street.  
**Thursday, December 4**  
A motor vehicle-related acci-

dent was reported on South Amos Street.  
Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at Motel 6 on Main Street.  
Gary Higgins, 18, and a juvenile, 17, both of Billerica, were arrested at 85 Main Street and were charged with shoplifting by asportation.  
**Friday, December 5**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Shawsheen Street and Kendall Road.  
**Saturday, December 6**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Delaney Drive, Main Street, and East Street.  
Christmas decorations were reportedly stolen from the yard

of a residence on Pond Street.  
A mailbox at a residence on Marion Drive was reportedly vandalized.  
Joshua Poitras, 19, and Eric Knutson, 18, both of Lowell, were charged with possessing alcohol as a minor and illegally possessing a Class D substance with the intent to distribute it.  
**Sunday, December 7**  
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Clark Road, Andover Street, North Street, Main Street, Kendall Road, and Brown Street.  
A mailbox was reportedly stolen from a residence on Trull Road.  
A vehicle was reportedly stolen from Andover Street.

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**TEWKSBURY** - Year 2004 Dog Licenses are available in Tewksbury, beginning December 15th.

Tewksbury Town Clerk Elizabeth Carey reminds dog keepers that the year 2003 license for their dog(s) will expire Wednesday, December 31, 2003.

It is that time of the year when dogs (over 6 months of age) must be licensed. The license is valid for one calendar year and must be renewed annually.

The fee per dog, male, female, neutered or spayed, is \$10 annually.

A dog keeper applying for a license shall be obligated to pay all outstanding dog license fees relating to the past licensing period and any outstanding violation notices. A late fee of \$5 is added if the dog(s) is not licensed on or before March 15, 2004 and increases to \$20 if the dog(s) is not licensed on or before July 1, 2004.

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

A current rabies certificate must be presented before a dog license may be issued, unless this office has a current rabies certificate on file.

For your convenience, you may prefer to license your dog by mail, provided that you include the license fee, a current rabies certificate and a stamped self-addressed envelope and mail to: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. 01876

## Pool closed

**READING** - The Burbank YMCA will be closing both the teaching/therapy pool and the lap pool at noon on Sunday, December 21 for cleaning.

Both pools will reopen at noon on Saturday, December 27.

For more information about aquatics or the pool closing, please contact Donna Griffin, Aquatics Director or Amy Vendt, Associate Aquatics Director, at 781-944-9622 x220.





LOCAL PIANIST BRUCE MARGESON

## Keynote Happenings From the Wilmington Center for the Arts

Submitted by Arts Center representative Tracey MacNeill

Happy Holidays! We at the Wilmington Council for the Arts hope that the residents of Wilmington and their loved ones are able to indulge in the fun, joy and togetherness that this time of year can bring. The Wilmington Garden Club recently held the annual Festival Of Trees at the Art Center to usher in the season. With these merry decorations and tidings on display and the wintry New England snowfall, it really is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

The Wilmington Council for the Arts is pleased to present a Holiday Piano Concert featuring pianist and Reading native Bruce Margeson on Sunday, December 14, 2003, from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Art Center. Bruce is a versatile, talented musician with a wide range of influences in his style of playing, which can transition from intense to easy flowing, and his level of proficiency is such that it's sure to touch your soul. He has performed in many professional venues, including the annual Art Show that the Council hosted at the Art Center this past summer. Bruce has been hired to play piano at weddings, function halls, concerts and other events and has operated under his business, "Professional Keys," since 1991. In 1997, Bruce was presented in the local Continental Cable TV program, "In The Spotlight," on the piano at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Woburn, MA. In June of 2003, Mr. Gilson Schachnik, Associate Professor of the Ear Training Department at the prestigious Berklee College of Music, heard Bruce play at the Copley Marriott Hotel in Boston, MA. Mr. Schachnik was compelled to state his impression of Bruce's ability and wrote that he "was very impressed by Mr. Margeson's talent. I thought he displayed a high level of harmonic sophistication as well as command of the piano. I honestly think he contributed to making a very enjoyable atmosphere at the Hotel". The Holiday Piano Concert at the Art Center on December 14, 2003, will not only showcase lively seasonal tunes, but will include a repertoire from many composers. These include Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Scott Joplin, Duke Ellington, Henry Mancini, Johnny Mercer, Vince Guaraldi, Nat 'King' Cole, James Horner, Ray Charles, Lennon/McCartney, Simon & Garfunkel, Billy Joel, and more. Admission is free and refreshments provided at no charge to see Bruce Margeson's exceptional holiday show, our gift to the community in the spirit of giving and good cheer!

The Wilmington Council for the Arts next scheduled performances for January and February, 2004, are all set, so remember to come out and continue to have a good time and enjoy the music at the Wilmington Art Center in the New Year! On Sunday, January 18, 2004, from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, we welcome Wilmington residents George and Robbin Godding, who will perform their original spiritual compositions. And on Sunday, February 15, 2004, from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, take a nostalgic trip back to the days of Beatles' music with the local five-member tribute band from Wilmington and Billerica, "BeatleTracks".

The Wilmington Art Center is located at 219 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA. (Many of you may remember the building as the Old Town Hall). For more information, contact Jane Crane at 978-658-9798 or email [wilmingtonartscouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:wilmingtonartscouncil@yahoo.com). For updated arts program schedules and times, visit the Council's new website location at <http://www.town.wilmington.ma.us/old/Artscouncil/wilmingtonartscouncil/index.htm>. For those of you who are familiar with the official Town of Wilmington website, from the Main Page, click on Community Links and from that page click on the Wilmington Arts Council link to access the website.

## Postal Service focuses on preparedness

The U.S. Postal Service is now promoting citizen preparedness as part of a nationwide effort.

Massachusetts District Manager John W. "Mike" Powers III said the Postal Service and Department of Homeland Security have partnered to distribute 10 million "Get Ready Now" brochures to 38,000 postal facilities.

The brochures are available now in Post Offices in the Massachusetts Postal District.

Powers said the partnership between the two federal agencies is part of Homeland Security's "Ready" campaign, a public education initiative designed to help Americans prepare for and respond to potential terrorist attacks.

He said the brochure offers valuable ideas on preparing for a possible emergency situation by thinking about fresh water and food, clean air, First Aid Kit, and special needs items and other supplies.

The brochure also gives tips on planning in advance what to do in an emergency situation and how to react by assessing the situation and using common sense.

Preparedness also must account for man-made disasters as well as natural ones, the brochure points out and talks about biological, chemical and radiation threats, nuclear blasts and explosions.

The goal of the campaign is to raise the basic level of citizen preparedness throughout the nation, he said.

"The U.S. Postal Service is a great partner and a tremendous asset to this effort," said Tom Ridge, secretary of Homeland Security. "It is important to remember that a prepared America is a safer and less vulnerable America, and that there exists a role for every single individual to play."

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## Tewksbury Senior Topics

A message from Linda Brabant, the Director of the Tewksbury Senior Center

### Santa Day is coming . . .

A note of thanks is extended to all those people who helped with the COA and Friends Christmas Dinners this past Monday and Tuesday. Your assistance, as always, is very much appreciated. A special note of thanks is also sent to Grace landolo for her work on the ornament favors and to the crafts ladies for their work.

At the time this article was submitted, there were only four people who had obtained tickets to Sunday's Santa Day. If more interest, this event will be can-

celled. We will notify those who have purchased tickets and a notice will be posted at the Senior Center.

One may also call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480 to see if the event will or will not take place.

Don't forget that the Silver Tones Band will conduct its "Christmas Concert" at the Senior Center on Friday, December 19th, beginning at 12:30 p.m. This event is open to the public.

If you are traveling with us to

see the Christmas show at the Beacon Resort in Lincoln, NH on Tuesday, December 16, please be ready to leave the Center at 9:00 a.m.

Our first day-trip for the new year will be to the Amesbury Playhouse for the luncheon matinee of Man of LaMancha on Wednesday, January 21. The cost of the ticket for this trip is \$30 and includes lunch with three delicious menu choices and the show. Please don't delay in purchasing your ticket.

An interest sheet for the Museum of Fine Arts Tea and Flower Tour plus the Gauguin Tahiti exhibit will remain posted on the bulletin board outside the Craft Room until Friday, December 19. If this is a trip that interests you, please tell us by signing the interest sheet. If there is enough interest a trip to the museum will be planned for late winter or early spring.

We are in the process of planning the day-trip schedule for the winter months. If you have any suggestions about something that you have heard about or done, please let us know. It is most helpful if you could include any information that you have about the places you want to visit.



EVERGREEN COLLARS. They must itch. From left to right, Erin Sheehy, Greg Andrews, Keeghan Sheehy and Liam Sheehy all hammed it up when Boy Scout Troop 47 sold trees and wreaths at the Tewksbury Congregational Church last Friday night.

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NEW BEST FRIEND. Nichole Frisch, of Tewksbury, has a new puppy, a Siberian Husky named Loki.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Obituaries

### George H. Lauzon, Sr.

C.P.O., U.S. Navy, Ret.

...veteran of 3 wars; family in Chelmsford, Tewksbury and Middleton; 82

LARGO, FLORIDA - Retired Senior Chief Petty Officer, George H. Lauzon, U.S. Navy, age 82, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 9, 2003, at the Bay Pines Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., after a brief illness. He was the husband of Irene C. (Perry) Lauzon, with whom he had celebrated a 57 year wedding anniversary on November 3.

He was born in Lynn, Mass., Jan. 28, 1921, the son of the late George A. and Lillian J. (Burrill) Lauzon. He was raised in Lynn and graduated Lynn English High School. He later lived in California, Lynn, and Amesbury. During the last 10 years, he wintered in Largo, Florida and summered in Tewksbury and Amesbury.

He enlisted into the U. S. Navy during WWII, served through the Korean War, and was honorably discharged during the Vietnam War. During his final tour of duty, he was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Grand Canyon, based in Newport, R.I.

His career continued as a technician for Draper Laboratories in Cambridge, until retirement 20 years ago.

He was active in the Fleet Reserve Club in Fla., and a member of the D.A.V.

Besides his wife he is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law; Diane L. and her husband Angelo Castellana of Middleton, Kathleen E. and her husband Alfred Arsenault of Chelmsford, and Lillian J. and her husband Robert Tucceri of Tewksbury; one sister, Rita Erikson of Lynn; 9 grandchildren, Daniel, Elizabeth, George and Debra Arsenault, Robert, Kenneth and Laura Tucceri,

Donna Susser and Terri Brown, 4 great grandchildren, Julia, Benjamin, Jackson, and Catherine; and many nieces and nephews. He was also brother of the late Laura Boyosi and Janet Waitt.

His funeral is Saturday, Dec. 13, at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) TEWKSBURY CENTER, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Funeral Mass Saturday, 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours Friday 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Interment with Navy Honors at Tewksbury Cemetery. Memorials to the National DAV Memorial Program, P.O. Box 14300, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, will be appreciated. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

### John E. Lynch

of Tewksbury, 71; active at United Methodist Church

TEWKSBURY: John E. Lynch, age 71, died unexpectedly Monday, December 8, 2003 at his home. He was the husband of Ethel L. (Hill) Lynch to whom he was married for 37 years. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio of June 29, 1932, he was the son of the late William B. and Margaret (Brown) Lynch. Mr. Lynch was raised and educated in Somerville, Mass. He graduated from Somerville High School in 1951. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

He served during the Korean War with the Strategic Air Command 70th Bomb Squadron. Mr. Lynch was awarded several decorations including the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He resided in Tewksbury for the past 37 years. He previously lived in Burlington. Mr. Lynch was an active member of the

Tewksbury United Methodist Church, where he served as financial secretary for over 20 years. In addition, Mr. Lynch



was a member church choir and the Tewksbury Interfaith Choir. Prior to his retirement in 1994, he was employed as an electronic technician by the Raytheon Company of Lowell, where he worked for 37 years. He loved music, playing his

keyboard and bowling.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by 1 son; Thomas D. Lynch of Tewksbury; 1 sister, Margaret Maxwell and her husband Loring of Bellingham; his aunt; Helen Mason of Cincinnati, OH; 2 cousins; Jean Christman of Illinois and Tom McCormack of Madison, Wisconsin.

Calling hours Friday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St. Tewksbury. His funeral will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. from the funeral home. Funeral services Saturday at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, corner of Main (Rte. 38) and South St. in Tewksbury. Interment at Tewksbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Tewksbury United Methodist Church, 2335 Main St., Tewksbury, MA 01876 would be appreciated.

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## Wilmington Senior Topics

### Fuel assistance available for seniors

WILMINGTON - With winter coming on strong, it is important to remind everyone about fuel assistance programs available in our area for Wilmington's elderly residents 60 and over.

The first program is called Community Teamwork's Inc. of Lowell. Residents 60 and over can meet with Terri Marciello, Director of Elderly Services in Wilmington, to apply. Residents under the age of 60 can contact the Billerica Veteran's Agent at 978-671-0968. This year, the program runs from November 1, 2003 and will continue through April 30, 2004. The income eligibility is as follows:

Number of household members are on the left; Gross annual income is on the right)

1	\$17,960
2	\$24,240
3	\$30,520
4	\$36,800
5	\$43,080
6	\$49,360

If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Terri Marciello at 978-657-7595. All information shared at the time of the interview is kept confidential.

The second program to mention is Citizens Energy Oil Heat Program. It involves one-time delivery of up to 175 gallons of home heating oil for one-half the state-wide average retail price.

This effort is to help households that are low-income, as well as those that are experiencing a sudden financial need due to a household emergency. Households that receive a benefit through the Federal Fuel Assistance Program must

exhaust that benefit first prior to applying for the Citizen's Program.

The application process is completed over the phone.

This program is meant to help households with their winter heating needs only. Assistance will be available until mid-March or until the program's supply of two million gallons of heating oil is exhausted.

Currently, there are over 390 oil dealers across the state working with Citizens Energy by delivering oil at a reduced price to their customers in need. If an individual's oil dealer is not participating in this program, they will be referred to participating dealers in their area.

You can apply by calling 1-877-JOE-4-OIL, (1-877-563-4645).

These are two programs that may be able to help - again, please do not hesitate to call Terri Marciello at 978-657-7595 with any questions for yourself, your family, and/or your neighbors.



**CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK.** Ice Sculptor Stephan Ripianzi, who chiseled the sleigh display you can see on the Wilmington Town Common, had some help from his son, Alex, when he worked on his creation on Tuesday night. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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Committee Vice Chairman Tom Carbone was working with the crew, explaining to them some of the programs that the Methodist Church supports. A meal program at St. Pauls in Lowell, the Wilmington Senior Center, the Wilmington Food Pantry and Family Resource Center are just a few of the ways the church helps the community. The church also hosts Al-Anon meetings and many Girl and Cub Scout groups. Always a busy place, the Wilmington United Methodist Church hopes to continue supporting our community and those in need.

Also helping unload was Cubmaster John Arvanitis. John noted that the Cub Scouts from Pack 361 would be selling wreaths at the church. The proceeds from the wreath sales will be used to provide a Christmas tree family in need. The boys and their families will be helping out with tree and wreath sales at the church.

These two generous groups, working together are hoping to continue the tradition of reaching out to the community here in Wilmington at time when it is needed.



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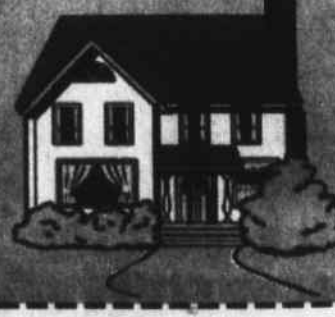
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## Steven Iorio to receive the Grace and Bill Peabody Foundation scholarship

ATKINSON, NH - Bill Peabody, Director of the Grace and Bill Peabody Foundation, has announced the winner of this year's college scholarship award. The winner is Steven Iorio of Wilmington, a senior at Wilmington High School. "The applicant pool was very impressive," said Mr. Peabody, "and our Board had a tough time deciding. We wish we could have awarded the scholarship to each and every applicant. The Wilmington School System should be proud that its teachers and staff are represented by such fine and talented youngsters."

The Grace and Bill Peabody Foundation was founded in May of 2000 to honor Grace Peabody (deceased), for many years a Secretary in the Lexington Superintendent's Office, and Bill Peabody (retired), for 33 years a Social Studies Teacher in the Wilmington School System. It was conceived and funded by Mr. Peabody's two sons, Bo and Mark, as a way to honor their father on his retirement from teaching. The

Foundation seeks to recognize the efforts of Wilmington teachers and school staff by enabling a son or daughter to attend a college of their choice and by providing motivation to students to complete their four-year degree.

The Foundation is located in Atkinson, NH with Board Members (five total) from Atkinson, Wilmington, MA and New York, NY. As the Foundation makes an award in December of each year, to a high school senior, it is distributing \$15,000 per year in scholarships. The award is for up to \$5,000 each year for the Sophomore, Junior and Senior years in college as long as the student stays in school and maintains at least a 2.8 GPA overall. High school seniors who are children of the staff of the Wilmington Public School System may apply, applications due Oct. 31 of each year. Applications may be obtained in August from the Wilmington Public School office or from the Foundation.



**OPEN AND COOKING.** The folks at Sunnyside Cafe in North Wilmington were cookin' early as the storm blew through last weekend. Sunday morning breakfast was served to Scott Robichaud as Amanda Sawyer stood by with the coffee pot and Jerry Attenzio worked the grill. Plow drivers kept them busy from 1 a.m. till late in the day. (Stu Neilson photo)

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Late registration postmark deadline is January 16 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or they can get a registration packet from their high school guidance counselor and register by mail. The website also has sample test questions and a link to a free financial aid calculator.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA and other information to help determine admission and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is curriculum-based, designed to measure a student's academic achievement. There are four sections to the exam: English, reading, math and science.

Students who have already taken the ACT can retake and try for a higher score. Juniors often use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses or tutoring to correct those weaknesses and retake as seniors. Students who test more than once can choose which scores to report to prospective colleges.

## Wilmington Middle School announced honor roll for sixth graders

WILMINGTON - The following sixth grade students have achieved honor roll status at the Wilmington Middle School.

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Kelly, Michael  
Lyman, Jacqueline  
Mooney, Brendan  
Murray, Eric  
Musicant, Adele  
Robbins, Allison  
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Souza, Steven  
Tran, Christina  
Valente, Thomas  
Vo, Khang  
Walking, Kayla  
Walsh, Kristina  
Woodbury, Amelia  
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Hunt, Ryan  
Jensen, Meghan  
Johnson, Daniel  
Kannally, Jeffrey  
Karalekas, Andrea  
Keane, Sean  
Kelly, Stephanie  
Lacey, Jillian

Leiskau, Alex-Joseph  
Lepore, Stephanie  
Liberacki, Elizabeth  
Lowell, Steven  
Luz, Nicole  
MacKinnon, Daniel  
Madaglia, Scott  
Magee, Patrick  
Magnarelli, James  
Manning, Kristen  
Mara, Bryanne  
Marra, James  
Mazzei, Michael  
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Allan, Danielle  
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Bamberg, Martin  
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Bortone, Michelle  
Boudreau, Jerene  
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Brown, Christina  
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Celeste, Matthew  
Cherubino, Nicole  
Chol, Sarah  
Collins, Brendan  
Colosimo, Sarah  
Comeau, Daniel  
Conway, Ian  
Coutu, Brian  
Creedon, Kyle  
Crowe, Heather  
Cullinane, Casey  
D'Amelio, Emily  
Daley, Katelyn  
Davidson, Kayla  
Davis, Randi  
Dembowski, Ceara  
Derrickson, Scott  
Domond, Vanessa  
Duffy, Paul  
Enwright, Patrick  
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## Backyard Birding A new record of species at feeder

By Hugh Wiberg

There is nothing like a serious New England snowstorm (and old snap) to bring the birds to their feeders. We measured 28 inches of snow this past week and here in our yard in North Wilmington, and the birds came in droves!

We counted the different species we saw from last Saturday morning through Sunday evening. In the 40 years we've lived in Wilmington, I have never identified more than 13 or 14 different birds at our feeders in any 24-hour period. On December 6 and 7, we recorded no less than 18 species in the yard. It appears that our annual census this winter should easily exceed last winter's total of 25, by the end of March. For those readers who are interested in noting our two day list, I will mention them at the end of this column.

First though, my phone has been busy since late November. Those calls of general interest are as follows: Last month, I asked if anyone was seeing wild turkeys in their yards. You'll recall that four of five years ago, we saw a mini population explosion of turkeys in Wilmington. Their numbers have dropped the last year or two (partly due to the decreased habitat as the housing boom continues) and yet I did receive two "turkey" calls recently. Jim Durkee on Salem Street near the Regional Health Center reports seeing a healthy flock of turkeys in the wooded area behind his house, on a regular basis. There are nine to eleven birds in this group. Folks in the Browns Crossing neighborhood and down Andover Street towards Rt. 93 have also called to say they see, on a regular basis, a large flock numbering a dozen or so. My suspicion is that these two groups of turkeys are one and the same. An unidentified my phone two weeks ago; to report

seeing a smaller flock of turkeys. This caller, living on Andover Street near the Andover line, sees 3 males and 2 females regularly in his backyard.

It is always good to hear from my friend Violet McMahon of Floradale Avenue. Violet called late in November to report that "her" slate colored juncos were showing up regularly. Brother Dave on Birchwood Road reports that along with his "regulars", he is seeing a single mockingbird and one, possibly two, red breasted nuthatches. This was welcome

page 277 of Peterson's Eastern Birds. Dave also reports seeing a sharp shinned hawk in his neighborhood. "Sharpies" will take an occasional dove or sparrow, as part of nature's Grand Scheme, for population control. Brother Sven also has a sharp shinned hawk residing in his neighborhood on High Street.

My friend, Valerie Borgal of Seventh Street in Tewksbury phoned recently to say she watched a red tail hawk dining on a gray squirrel in her yard. Red tails are the largest hawk seen in New England with a wing span measuring nearly three feet. Val took photos of the hawk, unfortunately the bird was some distance away and the photos are not quite useable. (Keep that camera handy, Val.)

Here are the 18 bird species recorded in our yard over RED last weekends

no special order: gold finch, purple finch, house finch, white throated sparrow, song sparrow, American tree sparrow, white breasted nuthatch, red breasted nuthatch, chickadee, tufted titmouse, cardinal, Carolina wren, blue jay, downy wood pecker, hairy wood pecker, red bellied wood pecker, slate colored junco, and morning dove. Curiously, two species seen regularly in most backyards, English sparrow and starlings, were no where to be seen on these two days.

I welcome your calls, at 978-658-5852. If you spot an unusual feathered visitor, give me a call. Back in January. And - Happy Holidays!

for me, since the red breasted are one of my very favorite backyard birds, and I had not seen one for the last two winters. Coincidentally, two days later, a red breasted nuthatch was seen on our suet feeder. Others seeing this colorful visitor are Dave Bavota on Adams Street and Sven Wiberg (yet another brother) on High Street. Speaking of Dave Bavota, there is something special about his backyard habitat! Dave is seeing pine siskins regularly, a small finch like bird which visits from Canada occasionally when food becomes scarce up north. Another unusual visitor to Bavota's yard has been a rose breasted grosbeak, a strikingly beautiful robin sized bird, as seen on



## Wilmington Senior Menus

Week of December 17

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Wednesday: Pasta with meatballs and sauce, chilled pineapple, cole slaw, French bread & butter, milk, pudding with topping.

Thursday: Oven roast turkey dinner, creamy mashed potato, seasoned carrots, wheat dinner roll and butter, cranberry sauce, milk, dessert.

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## Obituaries

### Dorothy B. Boyle

Formerly of Wilmington and Lowell; 95

TEWKSBURY - Dorothy B. (Lloyd) Boyle, age 95, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at her residence at the Blairehouse of Tewksbury, Assisted Living community, peacefully, surrounded by her family. She was the wife of the late Thomas A. Boyle, who died Sept. 20, 1994.

She was born in Sable River, Nova Scotia, Sept. 5, 1908, a daughter of the late Arthur M. and Martha (Pierce) Lloyd. She was raised in Nova Scotia, and lived in Wilmington for more than 32 years, before retiring to New Smyrna Beach, in Florida. After living in Florida for 18 years, she returned to Tewksbury in 1992.

Before retirement, she was employed by several area electronic manufacturing companies.

She was active in the North Tewksbury First Baptist Church, United Church of New Smyrna Beach, the Elks Ladies Club, the Women's Club of New Smyrna Beach, and the Shuffle Board Club of New Smyrna.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Elizabeth "Betty" Lothian of Dracut, Martha "Marti" and her husband Chester C. Sullivan of Tewksbury, Marilyn and her husband Gerard Brisebois of Florida; a brother William Lloyd of West Roxbury; 15 grandchildren; 31 great

grandchildren.

She was also sister of the late Mildred Pierce, Clifford Lloyd, Irene "Renie" Goodwin, and Roy Lloyd.

Her funeral is Saturday, Dec.



6, at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Funeral Service Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the No. Tewksbury First Baptist Church, Andover st. (Rte 133) No. Tewksbury. Visiting hours Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Following cremation, committal in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 295 Devonshire St., 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02110, will be appreciated.

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### Helen E. Pearson Larkin

retired Wilmington school nurse; active member First Baptist Church of Woburn; at 83

Helen E. (Hill) Pearson Larkin, 83, of Davenport, FL, formerly of Woburn and Wilmington, passed away at the Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center in Davenport FL on Monday December 1, 2003. She was the beloved wife of the late Avery L. Larkin who died in 1993.

Born in Bennington, VT. on November 19, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Alton E., and the late Cynthia (Smith) Hill. For many years, she worked as a school nurse in the Wilmington Public Schools and during that time participated in the 766 program for special needs students.

Helen and her late husband Avery moved to Florida over twenty years ago. She became deeply involved in church activities in all of the communities that she resided in, including the First Baptist Church of Woburn, and most recently the First Presbyterian Church of

Haines City, Florida.

Helen gave of herself unstintingly, had a positive outlook, strong faith, and always tried to see and nurture the best in people. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Helen was predeceased by one sister, the late Kathleen Lauzon.

She is survived by one son, Arthur W. Pearson Jr., two daughters, Pamela Pearson and Susan McMahon; and four stepdaughters, Jerry White, Jayne Ober, June Barstow, and Joanne Carlotto. She is also survived by six grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, 9 step-grandchildren, 5 step-great grandchildren, several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, on Tuesday, December 9 at 11:00 am. Memorial donations may be made to the church or charity of your choice.

### Robert Nelson Plourde

Of Tewksbury, formerly of Billerica; WWII Navy Veteran; Active with St. Dorothy's Church; 84

TEWKSBURY - Robert Nelson "Bob" Plourde, 84, a retired Raytheon sheet metal mechanic, died after a short illness, at Lowell General

Hospital on Friday morning, Dec. 5, 2003. He was the husband of Evelyn "Evie" (Keough) Plourde, with whom he had celebrated 61 years of marriage on Sept. 6th.

He was Born in 1919, a son of the late Joseph Nelson and Mary Cecilia (Walsh) Plourde. He was raised in Billerica, and had lived in Tewksbury since 1950.

He graduated from the Howe High School, in the class of 1938, where he was a member of the track team. He remained an active member of the Howe H.S. Alumni Committee, and had attended all reunions including one held last summer.

As a boy, he worked at Farmer's farm in Billerica, and later Steven's market at Silver Lake in Wilmington before joining the Navy. During WWII, he served stateside in Jacksonville, Fla. in aircraft manufacturing.

Upon discharge from the Navy, he was employed at the Wilmington Airport and then worked for Raytheon Corpora-

tion in Bedford, for 34 years as a sheet metal mechanic. Since retirement, he had worked part time for Brewsters Lumber



Company in Wilmington, and most recently, as caretaker and maintenance person at St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington. He was a member of the Tewksbury Knights of Columbus, Fr. Coppin's Council 4336. He was also a member of the Tewksbury Golden Age Club, and was a frequent visitor to the Tewksbury Sr. Drop-In Center.

He was an active member, and daily communicant, of the St. Dorothy Church community.

He enjoyed church activities, gardening, taking walks, and

### Thomas C. Tower

retired Pipe Fitter; member of American Legion Post #62 and V.E.W. Post # 685 in Reading; Pipe Fitters Union Local #537; at 70

READING - Thomas C. Tower, age 70 years, of Wilmington, formerly of Reading, died on Saturday, December 6, 2003 at the Woodbriar Nursing Center in Wilmington.

Mr. Tower was born on Tuesday, April 4, 1933, in Everett, the son of the late Graham and the late Lena (Guinan) Tower. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and prior to retirement, was employed as a Pipe Fitter. Mr. Tower was a Life member of the North End Boat Club in Newburyport, a member of the American Legion Post #62 in Reading, the V.E.W. Post #685 in Reading and a retired member of Pipe Fitters Union Local #537.

Mr. Tower is survived by his beloved wife Janet C. (Iverson) Tower, his sons Stephen Tower and his wife Christine of Wilmington, Michael Tower of Wilmington, Thomas Tower and

his wife Sharon of Tewksbury and Brian Tower and his wife Robin of Danville, NH, his sisters and brothers Rita Muise of Reading, Mary Hyslip of North Reading, Aileen Shaw of Reading, Gerald Tower of Nova Scotia, Canada and Joseph Tower of Tewksbury; and his 7000 grandchildren. Mr. Tower was the brother of the late Eugene Tower of North Reading and the late Isabelle Florence of Reading.

His funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh and Son Funeral Home, 374 Main Street (Rt 38), Wilmington, on Wednesday morning at 7:45 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Agnes Church, 186 Woburn St., Reading, at 9:00 AM. Interment took place at the family lot Forest Glen Cemetery, in Reading. Memorials in his name may be made to the Shriners Burns Institute, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA. 02114.

### Robert J. Kirk

67, was retired banker; formerly of Tewksbury

EAST FALMOUTH Robert J. "Bob" Kirk, 67, of East Falmouth, formerly of Tewksbury and Woburn, died

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was the husband of Mary B. (Canavan) Kirk, with whom he shared more than 38 years of marriage.

Born and raised in Woburn, he was one of 10 children of the late Paul T. and Rose (Flaherty) Kirk. Following high school graduation, Mr. Kirk served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era.

After completing his military service, he joined New England Merchants Bank, later named Bank of New England, and retired as an assistant vice president of Fleet Bank in 1994.

In 1995, he moved from Tewksbury to East Falmouth. There he was a real estate agent with Kinchla Real Estate in Falmouth. He was an avid golfer and had a passion for home gardening and landscaping.

Endowed with a great sense of humor that would light up a room, he walked through life with a warmth, charm and smile, while carrying a deep concern for others and liking every one he came in contact with.

In his younger days, he excelled at local sports in softball, candlepin bowling, and his favorite, a quick game of horseshoes with family, friends,

neighbors or anyone. He was an avid follower of all the professional sports, and enjoyed them immensely.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Robert G. Kirk and his wife, Jennifer, of Fairfax, Va., and Colleen Zidik and her husband, Donald, of North Falmouth, along with three grandchildren, Ryan J. and Cohn Kirk, and Caroline M. Zidik.

Mr. Kirk leaves two sisters, Marie Ward and Roseanne "Sis" Costello both of Woburn; and five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Paul of Harwich, Charles and his wife, Ethel, of Chelmsford; and John and his wife, Rose, Thomas and his wife, Judith, and Lawrence and his wife, Paula, all of Woburn. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, the late Eleanor Quigley and Rita Kirk.

Visiting hours were at the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 584 West Falmouth Highway, West Falmouth, on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2-6 p.m. A funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, Dec. 8, at noon in St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Quaker Road, North Falmouth, followed by burial at the National Cemetery of Massachusetts in Bourne.

Memorial donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation of Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, Mass., 02446.

## Rep. Tierney takes issue with President Bush on rate of jobs growth

WASHINGTON D.C. - Calling today's modest job growth figures "not good enough," Rep. Tierney vowed to press Congress to do more to create jobs in the 6th District and across the country before adjourning next week.

New data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Monday morning saying American employers hired a third fewer workers than expected in November, a total of just 57,000 nationwide. The unemployment rate stands at 5.9%, 50 percent higher than when President Bush took office.

Rep. Tierney represents Wilmington in Congress.

Overall, the economy has lost nearly 3 million private sector jobs since Bush took office and Massachusetts has lost 180,300 jobs.

"Since President Bush took office, the economy has lost almost three million jobs - the first time since the Great Depression that jobs have actually disappeared. While I am pleased for the families of the 57,000 Americans who have found jobs, nine million Americans are still looking for work. This slight improvement in the numbers simply isn't good enough. Since 2001, Republicans have turned record surpluses into record deficits - which will hold down economic growth in the long term. GOP economic policies will have to recover more than 200,000 jobs every month to gain one single new job during the Bush administration," said Tierney.

The new data also showed that job loss continued during the month of November in the

manufacturing sector. According to today's data, in November, the economy lost an additional 17,000 manufacturing jobs. Indeed, overall, the country has lost manufacturing jobs every month since Bush took office for a total loss of 2.6 million manufacturing jobs since January 2001. But instead of passing bipartisan legislation to keep manufacturing jobs here in America, Republicans are working on legislation that will make it easier for big corporations to send jobs overseas, Rep. Tierney said.

Congressman Tierney noted that Democrats have been fighting to create jobs, help working Americans succeed, increase financial security for their families, and return the country to economic prosperity. To create jobs, Democrats have proposed new tax breaks for

small businesses and manufacturing companies that create jobs here at home, a child tax credit for working families, and new investments in education and transportation.

Democrats also wanted to extend unemployment insurance before Congress adjourns on Monday. Almost nine million Americans now unemployed, and it is taking longer and longer for the unemployed to find work, said Tierney. Extending unemployment benefits would create economic growth - pumping \$1.73 into the economy for every \$1 spent on unemployment insurance, he added.

"All of these proposals have bipartisan support, and we should try to pass them next week before we adjourn," concluded Rep. Tierney.

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O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this request; there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. (3 times)

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## Wilmington Library Notes *by Christina Stewart*

### Museum passes

Visiting a museum is a great family activity for the upcoming school vacation week. Save money and book one of the many passes available at the library. Since the passes are very popular that week, it is a good idea to call the library at 978-658-2967 to reserve a pass as soon as possible. Thanks to the Wilmington Sons of Italy, the library now has a membership pass to the New England Aquarium. For a complete list of all the passes (and links to the museums), click "Services" on the library's website [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) and then go to "museum passes." You can also pick up the handout at the library with a list of available passes. Thanks to the all community organizations that fund the library passes to Boston area museums.

#### Food for Fines

The Wilmington Memorial Library will be accepting non-perishable foods in lieu of fines until December 20th. The

donated food items will be given to the Wilmington Food Pantry. Even if you do not have a fine, you are encouraged to make a donation during this holiday season.

#### Page Turners

PageTurners, the library's monthly morning book discussion group, will meet on Tuesday, December 16th at 11 a.m. to discuss *White Oleander* by Janet Fitch. Linda Callahan, Reference Librarian, will facilitate the discussion.

#### Bookends

Bookends, the library's monthly book discussion group that meets on the first Thursday of the month, discussed *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser. The group gave this book six thumbs up and 2 thumbs down. Bookends will discuss *The Winter of Our Discontent* by John Steinbeck at the January meeting.

#### Holiday Party for Preschoolers

Celebrate the holiday season with Children's Room staff by bringing your little ones to the holiday party on Thursday, December 16th at 10 a.m. Cookie donations welcome. Drop-in for stories, songs, finger plays, refreshments!

#### Story Time Registration

Registration for story times for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds (not yet attending kindergarten) will begin on Monday, December 15th. The six-week sessions run from January 6th through February 13th and will introduce children to the library and literature through picture books, songs, flannel board stories, finger plays, sound filmstrips and the borrowing of books.

Three year-olds may be registered for either Wednesdays at 9:30 am or Fridays at 9:30 am. Four and five year-olds (not yet attending kindergarten) may

be registered for either Tuesdays at 9:30 am or Fridays at 10:30 am.

Please call the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 to register beginning on Monday, December 15th.

#### Upcoming Teen Events Teen Winter Bash

Teens (grades 6 and above), come start off your holiday break at the library's Teen Winter Bash featuring the live teen rock band "Second Season". The party, to be held on Tuesday, December 23rd from 6-8 pm, will include great music, food, and prizes! Best part? It's all free! (Prizes provided by the Friends of the Library). Do not miss this event! Drop-in

#### Lord of the Rings Festival II

Teens are invited to celebrate the release of the film "The Return of the King" (out on December 17th) by attending the Lord of the Rings Festival II on Monday, January 5th from 7-8:30 pm! Play Lord of the Rings jeopardy. Enter the LOR bookmark design contest and costume contest. Food and prizes! (Prizes provided by the Friends of the Library).

#### New Books for Teens

Acing the College Application: *How to Maximize Your Chances for Admission to the College of Your Choice* by Michele A. Hernandez

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## Silvertones mark their 25th performance

TEWKSBURY - The Silvertones, the Tewksbury Senior Center Band, will hold its 25th performance this month. This band formed in June, 2001 when Tom MacPherson, 68 years old, put out a call from the Chandler Street Center looking for other musicians who also may not have played since high school. Responses trickled in and the first concert was held nearly six months later at the Council on Aging's Cloning Around Variety Show, held at the high

school when seven musicians bravely presented their music for 1/2 hour before each show.

Since then, the band has grown to over a dozen seniors, (and one forty-something, the son of the keyboard player), whose ages range from 60 to 87! They are mostly from Tewksbury, but there is one from Lowell, two from Wilmington, and three from Westford. (A bass player, preferably a "stand up," is still needed.)

The most notable addition to

the band was Roger Whittlesey, retired band and music director for many years at Tewksbury Memorial High School. "The quality of our music has greatly improved since he joined as band leader," according to Tom.

The first 24 performances included those at The Pines, Blaire House, Fairhaven and Willow Manor Nursing Homes, The River Valley House, The State Hospital, Rotary's Taste of the Town, The Library's "Festival of Trees", and Memorial Day Parades, among others.

This month the Silvertones will be presenting a program of religious and secular Christmas music at the State Hospital, Blaire House, and on Monday, December 15, 8 p.m. in St. William's Church, and Friday December 19th at 12:30 at the Senior Center. Band manager MacPherson notes that all programs are open to the public and all are welcome.

### Children to perform holiday concert

WILMINGTON - The Wildwood Early Childhood Center will present "A Winter Celebration Concert" on Wednesday, December 17, at 10 a.m. for morning session classes and 1 p.m. for afternoon session classes.

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by Christina Miceli, CPCU, CIC, LIA

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## School Lunch Menus

### Wilmington Public Schools

#### Extended Daycare

##### Week of December 17

**Monday:** Chicken patty on a roll, hash browns, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

**Tuesday:** Macaroni & cheese, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

**Wednesday:** Mozzarella sticks, oven French fries, chilled fruit, milk/juice, "School Made" chocolate chip cookie.

**Thursday:** "Loaded nachos", nacho chips, cheese sauce, tomato, lettuce, salsa and ground beef, seasoned rice, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

**Friday:** Italian style pizza, pepperoni, opt., cucumber and carrot circles, cheese cubes, graham crackers, milk/juice, ice cream.

#### Elementary School

**Monday:** Mozzarella sticks with salsa, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookie.

**Tuesday:** Taco boat, shredded lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, ground beef, fluffy rice, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

**Wednesday:** "Breakfast for Lunch", assorted cereals, sausage patty, chilled apple slices with cinnamon, carrot & celery sticks, milk/juice, dessert.

**Thursday:** Oven roast turkey dinner, mashed potato, seasoned carrots, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, milk/juice, dessert.

**Friday:** Italian style pizza, pepperoni, opt., seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

#### Middle School

**Monday:** Meatball sub, French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

**Tuesday:** Teriyaki dippers,

whipped potato, seasoned corn, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

**Wednesday:** Mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, snack cake.

**Thursday:** Oven roast turkey dinner, creamy mashed potato, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, milk/juice, dessert.

**Friday:** Sal's pizza, garden salad, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

#### High School

**Monday:** "Chicken Your Way", grilled patty on a roll, choice of Canadian bacon, lettuce, tomato or cheese, baked potato rounds, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

**Tuesday:** "Hot Dog Bar", hot dog and roll, choice of chili, baked beans, onion, sliced tomato, shredded cheese, condiments, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

**Wednesday:** "Deli Bar", sub roll with choice of: ham, bologna, chicken salad, cheese, tomato, onion, pickle, potato chips, school made soup, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

**Thursday:** Oven roast turkey dinner, creamy mashed potato, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, milk/juice, dessert.

**Friday:** Sal's pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

### Tewksbury Schools

#### Week of December 17

**Monday:** Baked macaroni & cheese, bag of carrots, hot roll, milk, fruit cocktail.

**Tuesday:** Chilled juice, loaded nachos with beef & cheese with lettuce, tomato, onions, rice on side, milk, jello.

**Wednesday:** Chilled juice, individual lasagna, hot roll,

green beans, milk, cookie.

**Thursday:** Cranberry juice, turkey with gravy, mashed potato, garden peas, homemade roll or stuffing, milk, pre-holiday cake.

**Friday:** Orange juice, French bread pizza, crispy cole slaw, milk, jello or pudding.

### Shawsheen Tech

#### Line 111

##### Week of December 17

**Monday:** Rotini with meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets

with dipping sauce, rice-a-roni, mixed vegetables, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

**Wednesday:** Taco bowl with meat and bean filling, shredded lettuce and cheese, diced tomato, corn, corn bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

**Thursday:** Cheeseburger macaroni bake, Romano bean salad, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

**Friday:** Italian style pizza, tossed salad, garlic bread sticks, fresh and canned fruit, baked dessert, milk.

Alternative lunch available daily.



**JUST WAIT.** Julia Savio, 8 months old, didn't seem too sure what to make of Santa when she met him at the Tewksbury tree lighting last Friday night, but we bet she'll like him just fine after she wakes up on Christmas morning.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## HELP WANTED

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### Tewksbury Public Library

## Escape winter's chills with a good book

**TEWKSBURY** - It is chilly outside, so come and enjoy the warmth and the great programs for kids this December in the Children's Room at the Tewksbury Public Library!

Upcoming preschool story times for children ages 3 to 5, are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 am on December 16, 17, 23, 30. Toddler Story Time for ages 18 to

36 months is on Thursdays in two sessions at 10am and 10:30 am. Toddler Story Time requires registration and you may call or stop by the Children's Room desk to register for any two story times in December. Toddler Story Time dates will be December 11 and 18. Books Before Bedtime for ages 5 to 8 is Tuesday at 7:00 pm on December 23. The December 23 session will feature Christmas stories.

On Monday, December 22, at 2:00 pm, children ages 3-6 can make a Santa Claus Craft. Registration begins on December 16. On Monday, December 22, at 11:00 am, children ages 6-12 can make a Snowman Smoothie. Registration begins December 23. All crafts are limited to 16 children and take place in our craft room. Please call 978-640-4490 x204 or stop by the Children's Room desk to register. Please note that craft programs fill up very quickly, so please register early. All of our crafts have waiting lists, so if you find you cannot attend, please call the Children's Room and let us know so another child can have the space.

Preschool children, ages 3-6, are invited to try out the Preschool Story and Craft sessions. Children will hear a different book at each session and make a related craft. Upcoming dates for this program are

December 16 and December 30. Registration is required and is limited to 10 children. Registration begins on December 9.

Book Discussion Groups are a great way to read new books and share your thoughts about them, and meet new people at the same time! Don't forget to read the book before you come to the discussion. Grades 3 and 4 will be discussing Judy Moody and Megan McDonald on Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00 pm. In the craft room. Snacks are provided and new members are always welcome. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up a copy of the book. Grades 5 and 6 will be discussing Jackie and Me by Dan Gutman on Thursday, December 18 at 2:30 pm at the Ryan School LMC.

Please note that a signed permission slip must be handed in to Mrs. Eldringhoff for you to be able to attend this group.

Looking for holiday stories, songs, food or craft ideas? Check out the displays of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas books in the Children's Room. There is a little bit of everything, from how to make latkes to Kwanzaa crafts to Christmas carols. Come on by and check out your favorite titles!

Don't forget to drop by and visit the Festival of the Trees. Dozens of beautiful trees set up by com-

munity organizations and business decorate the library for the entire month of December.

For more information on children's programs, call Noelle or Karen in the Children's Room at 978-640-4490 x204. You may also find the library on the web at <http://www.tewksburypl.org/childrensroom.htm>

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# Mother Nature packs a punch

Wilmington buried under two feet of snow

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on Sunday, but it has now been rescheduled for this Sunday, December 14. The event will last from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will present patrons with an afternoon of holiday music, refreshments, decorations and more. Admission costs \$5 per person or \$15 per family. The tavern, which serves as the town's museum of the 18th century, is located on Route 62, just shy of Route 93.

It was Saturday's Annual Tree Lighting that took the hit. The event, a beloved tradition in Wilmington, was to include the lighting of trees on the Town Common, carols, hay rides, a visit from Santa, and the carv-

ing of an ice sculpture. Although the festivities were cancelled, the lights, of course, still adorn the Town Common, and residents are encouraged to drive by and give them a look.

They'll see more than lights, by the way, for there was one person who did not let the storm get the best of him. Wilmington resident Steve Ripianzi, the artist who was to craft the ice sculpture on Saturday, was out on the Common on Tuesday night, chipping away at a block of ice that eventually transformed into a sleigh with a "happy holidays" logo emblazoned on it. Ripianzi had called the DPW

earlier in the day and asked to have a spot cleared for him on the Common. By the time he started on his sculpture on Tuesday night, he even managed to draw a crowd, after all.

"I was sledding with my son on the Common on Monday, and I saw an empty stage there," Ripianzi says. "I don't like seeing an empty stage."

According to Ripianzi, lots of people stopped by to see him sculpt as they made their way to see the Wilmington High School Band perform across the street. Folks honked their horns as they drove past as well.

"On Saturday I was to be sponsored by the Chamber of

Commerce and the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs," Ripianzi says. "I wish that I had their sign next to me while I was sculpting, so I wish to give them credit."

Carol McGinn, the Executive Secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, was surprised and thrilled by Ripianzi's unexpected gift to the town. She only hopes that next time he does it he'll be surrounded by thousands of residents and all of the other festive staples of the annual Tree Lighting.

"Hopefully, we'll have better weather next year," McGinn says. "We've never had problems like this."

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## Textron Systems lands \$38M Army contract

Company will develop technology that will save soldiers' lives

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that is more precise, accurate, complete and timelier than is now possible.

The technology, which is slated to cost approximately \$14.9 billion, is scheduled to be completed by 2008. During the ceremony last Thursday, though, James Stamboni, the Vice President of Intelligent Battlefield Systems at Textron, said he was confident that the project can be completed by 2007.

Boeing Integrated Defense Systems and the Science Applications International Corporation are working together to lead the team now joined by Textron.

Don De Pree, the FCS Program Director for Boeing, brought a human touch to the ceremony. He mentioned how this new technology will benefit all soldiers, such as his own

grandson, who serves in the military.

"This is about our kids and the future of our country," De Pree noted. "This will help soldiers determine what happens in whatever their perimeter. We have to allow all branches of the military to communicate with each other and coalition forces."

Once the contract was signed, Millman turned to De Pree and said, "You can count on us. We won't let your grandson down."

Congressmen Marty Meehan and John Tierney attended the ceremony and applauded Textron for landing the contract and contributing to the betterment of our nation's security.

"This is a big day for everyone who works at Textron," Tierney noted. "This is an extraordinary situation and a great opportunity."

Meehan, who is a member of

the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, has visited troops in Iraq and Kuwait. He noted that the FCS program that Textron will help develop will provide troops with an "overwhelming advantage" to provide quick responses to the "complex threats of the 21st century."

"You'll be providing the Army with the best and most advanced tools available," Meehan told Textron employees.

Wilmington Town Manager Michael Caira, who was present on Thursday, called Textron's new contract "exciting news."

"It is certainly a positive indication about Wilmington and the fact that Textron and the Army want to make this powerful investment," Caira stated. "This will economically help the community and the residents."

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## High School prepares for accreditation

Committee formed to make improvements in time for 2005

By **STEPHEN BJORK**

**TEWKSBURY** - A team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) will be visiting Tewksbury Memorial High School throughout the fall of 2005 and evaluating its eligibility for continued accreditation.

"The accreditation of a high school is essential for those students who wish to attend colleges and universities," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine McGrath told the School Committee during its December 3 meeting.

One aspect of the evaluation of particular concern to McGrath is the assessment of the school and the degree to which the facility can support the delivery of the instructional program.

In order to receive a positive evaluation, McGrath contends that certain aspects of the high school will need to be upgraded. She includes the library/media center, the gymnasium floor, and the school's foyer as areas needing to be addressed.

Additionally, McGrath is lobbying for the replacement of many furnishings and an increase in the inventory of computers, bringing the high school in line with the technological levels of the John F. Ryan and John W. Wynn Schools.

"I would like to propose the formation of a study committee," McGrath told the School Committee. "The mission of the committee would be to assess the current needs within the high school facility and to estimate the costs associated with addressing these needs."

McGrath foresees the work of the study committee resulting in the preparation of an article for submission to the May 2004

Annual Town Meeting.

"I would recommend that membership on this study committee include the high school faculty and administration, central office administration (and) school committee representation," McGrath stated. "I would also recommend that the Building Commissioner serve as a consultant to the committee."

The School Committee agreed to form the study committee. Richard Colantuni, Tewksbury's Building Commissioner, will serve as consultant to the committee, while Joseph Russell will act as the School Committee's representative.

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According to statistics recently released by the Massachusetts Department of Education (DOE), the number of Tewksbury Memorial High School graduates planning to attend 2- or 4-year colleges dramatically exceeds state averages.

State averages cite 74 percent of Massachusetts high school graduates in the class of 2002 had plans to attend a 2- or 4-year college, compared to 91 percent of Tewksbury Memorial High School 2002 graduates having identical plans.

Tewksbury fared equally well among 2002 graduates planning to attend 4-year colleges. A little more than 52 percent of state graduates planned on attending 4-year colleges, while 73 percent of Tewksbury graduates planned to do the same.

"We continue to be pleased with the number of students with well defined post graduation plans," McGrath states.

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## McCoy challenges process of appointing Chief Nally's successor

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spective, I guess they would call him acting Deputy Chief, but I don't think anybody on the department or anybody who works with him in the town would consider him anything else but Deputy Chief," Caira said.

McCoy noted that a deputy chief exam had been given and that an established list of potential candidates is available. Caira answered that he had not yet received such a list.

"I am concerned not so much with a person's title as I am with the responsibility that that person is going to have to entail," Caira stated. "I am pleased to hear you say that Deputy Spencer is a very able person, and I think it makes all the sense in the world to continue that kind of quality leadership while the younger men of (the police department) are able to work with him in an increased capacity."

McCoy felt that, regardless of services rendered, it would not be fair to other qualified candidates if Caira was to promote someone to the position of

police chief without first calling for an exam to be taken.

"I take issue with promoting without tests," McCoy stated. "You're the manager and under the Town Charter you make that appointment, but I think we are being unfair to other capable individuals."

McCoy then referred to Tewksbury's recent appointment of a new police chief following the impending retirement of John Mackey. Tewksbury, as McCoy pointed out, did hold a Chief of Police test to determine Mackey's successor.

At the beginning of this year, Mackey had announced his intention to retire on December 31. A test was administered for interested applicants in May. Test results came back in July and Tewksbury Deputy Chief Al Donovan was the only applicant to receive passing marks. As a result, Donovan will succeed Mackey.

"I wrote a letter of recommendation (for Donovan) before he even took the test because I knew that he was the right guy for the job," states Mackey. "He's got all the tools for the job."

Donovan was officially appointed to the position of chief by Tewksbury Town Manager David Cressman last month.

"I'm not going to make a motion to instruct you to call for a test," McCoy stated. "I'm not going to play that political game. You are the manager, and we have the Town Charter."

McCoy feels that Wilmington's Town Charter provides too much authority to its town manager. He is under the impression that Tewksbury's Board of Selectmen needed to ratify Cressman's appointment.

According to Cressman, however, such appointments fall completely within his purview,

requiring no action from the Board of Selectmen.

"The board does have the power to overturn an appointment within 14 days of its announcement," Cressman clarified.

Caira added that Spencer scored highly and placed second only to Nally when the last Civil Service Police Chief Exam was administered in Wilmington a few years ago.

"He certainly has demonstrated an ability, if people are concerned about taking a test," Caira stated.

McCoy suggested that Spencer's promotion would enhance his pension benefits, a factor that McCoy believes played a role in Caira's decision. Caira dismissed that notion, stating that the promotion would create minimal increases in Spencer's pension benefits.

"The decision that I am making with regard to Bob Spencer is based purely on what I believe is in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington and the police department," Caira stated. "I believe that my responsibility is to appoint the very best people and, in my judgment, he, within the department, would make the very best chief. I am also looking at this long range because I believe it will give me the opportunity to evaluate other command members of the department who will move up into other positions."

McCoy repeated that he had a problem with an acting deputy chief being promoted to the position of acting police chief.

"I'm not sure what kind of message that sends to other members of law enforcement and to the members of the community who are footing the bill," McCoy stated.

McCoy invited his fellow selectmen to contribute to the discussion, but none did.

## Tax classification postponed until Feb.

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industrial and personal property which may temporarily exceed the 175 percent cap, but not to exceed a 200 percent cap.

According to the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA), "The shift to the business class is currently limited to 150 percent of the amount that would be borne without a shift, or to 175 percent if this higher level is needed to prevent the residential share of the levy from increasing when compared to the prior year's levy."

Wilmington has been taxing commercial, industrial and personal properties at a shift of 1.74, just under the 1.75 ceiling

set by the state.

To allow the special commission the time to complete its work, and also to protect the much needed revenue source of those communities who may choose to adopt the commission's legislation, municipalities are authorized to issue third quarter preliminary tax bills reflecting current tax rates.

Third quarter preliminary tax bills will still be issued throughout town. As a result of Moynihan's recommendation, however, the Board of Selectmen has postponed its hearing on property tax classification until February 9, 2004.

## Improvements presented for intersection of Rtes. 38 and 62

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four approaches to the intersection, but GPI determined that not to be prudent.

"We do not recommend converting the second southbound lane to left-turn only, as it is presently being used by approximately one-third of the morning peak hour through movements, and the elimination of through vehicles in this lane will increase the risk of traffic queuing to the rail crossing," stated Ericsson.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Donald Onusseit offered his support for GPI's plan.

Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy was concerned that with five traffic lights between the Town Center and Rocco's Restaurant on Main Street, motorists could hit five red lights. Ericsson stated, however, that the system will be coordinated, once it is complete, to avoid that very situation.

Selectperson Suzanne Sullivan was also concerned that five traffic lights would slow the flow of traffic and that motorists would venture onto secondary roads to avoid the

snarl.

"The goal of this (plan) is to reduce the delays and to encourage people to use Route 38," Ericsson assured.

Selectman Frank West focused on the grading system and scores attributed to the intersection. Intersections are evaluated on a letter scale similar to the familiar grading in schools. An intersection with an F rating is a failed intersection.

"Even after these improvements, this intersection is still only at a D or E rating," West pointed out on the analysis summary of the report.

West named several properties on Route 38 slated for development and asked what long-term plans were in place to keep the intersection from reaching an F status.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Project Manager Tony Malbranche wasn't able to provide West with answers.

"Our contract is to do a project as is," Malbranche stated. "We need to talk to MassHighway about all of this, but it is a valid concern."

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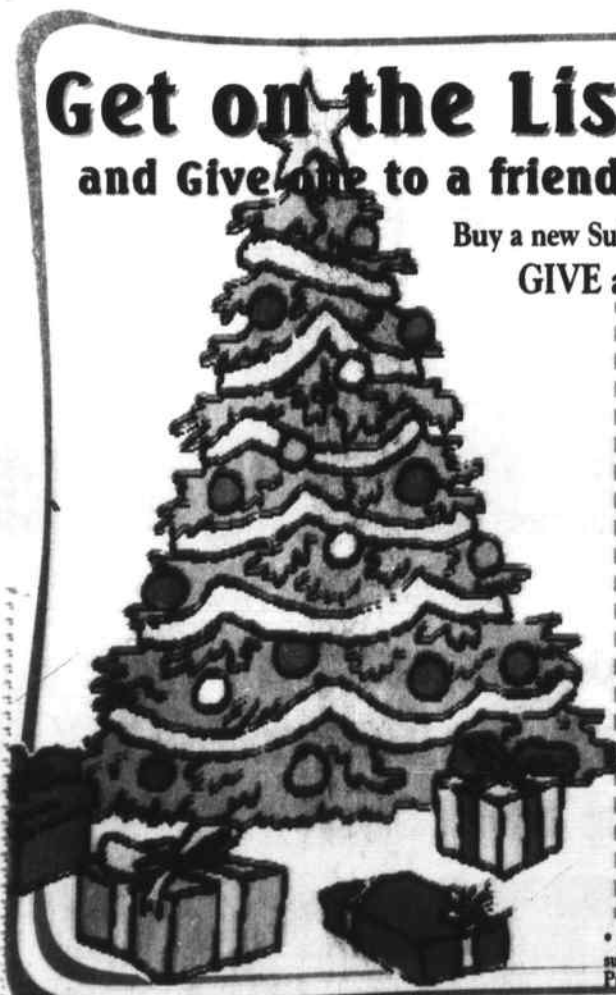
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By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

For the past nine years, the Town Crier has honored a Coach of the Year. Each of the nine years has been a male who has come away as the top choice. This time Sue Hendee gets the nod and she becomes the first female coach to get the award. Hendee, who not only holds the title of longevity of the current head coaches, but deserving so the accolades are certainly with merit.

Since 1987 she has been a very good role model for high school girls who don't have many women coaches to deal with. It just so happened that this past calendar year her positive influence added up with the wins.

Hendee guided the Wildcat girls soccer team to its first league title of any kind. The team posted an overall record of 13-4-2, which set a school record for most wins in a season. After capturing the Cape Ann League title, the 'Cats defeated Saugus in the first round of the state tournament, before losing to Wakefield in the second round, 4-3, on penalty kicks.

Since 1988, Hendee has been the coach at WHS. The program began in 1987 under former head coach Steve Mader as Hendee was a volunteer coach that season. After the school season was over, Mader, a shop teacher at the North Intermediate School, lost his job and Hendee was promoted as the second coach. She's been there ever since. She has racked up over 100 wins, but 13 of them came in impressive fashion this past season. This year's team won in style, won with pizzazz, they were finessed, skilled and above and beyond they played with a lot of heart, they were fun and they played tremendously together.

"It was a great season," said Hendee. "The team was really successful because of the atmosphere. Everyone was always so positive. The leadership, the seniors gave was tremendous. They were just so focused on trying to win the Cape Ann League title. But beyond that they are all such great kids. The team made the incoming freshmen feel so comfortable and not intimidated. I think that's a build of a successful program - I know that's an important part."

Hendee grew up outside of Rochester, New York in a town called Pittsford. She attended Southerland High School and was a three-sport athlete before graduating in 1978. She was a forward on the soccer team, a guard on the basketball team and a second baseman on the softball team.

"Back then girls sports were just starting," said Hendee. "In soccer we were a club team my freshman year and then we went varsity in my sophomore year. More girls started to come out for teams. Title nine really opened up a lot."

During her senior season in soccer, the team finished with an 18-1-1 record and went the furthest any team could go at that time, which she said was equivalent to the North Sectional Finals here in Massachusetts.

After graduating from high school, she went on to Springfield College, where she was a physical education major and ended up graduating from there in 1982.

"I think I was like every kid who was trying to figure out

what I wanted to do," she said. "I did what I felt comfortable at and what I thought I was good at and that was being with kids. My mother (Barbara) was a teacher and I just wanted to teach and continue to do something in athletics. It was either that or something in French because I was pretty good at that too."

Once again as she arrived at Springfield, Hendee found out that there was no varsity soccer team. So she played club for the first two years before the school officially took the soccer program to varsity level in her junior year.

"Back then we didn't have any clear cut divisions," she said. "We would play UMass, UConn, Dartmouth, BC, Harvard and at the same time play schools like Keene State and Westfield. It was a lot of diversity. It wasn't division one or division two. Only a few schools had it and it was interesting."

Hendee said that once the team went varsity it was success including winning the New England Women's Soccer Association tournament. She added that if soccer had been a varsity sport when she first arrived there in 1978, she's not sure she would have tried out.

"It would have been intimidating," she said. "I would've regretted it if I didn't go out but it was easier when it was just a club team. It made it such an easier transition. But I was like every kid, even today, thinking I wouldn't make it, or I wouldn't have enough time for my studies."

After graduating from college, Hendee took a teacher's position back in New York in a small town near Indian Lake. There she taught physical education to children from kindergarten to 12th grade as each grade made up of about 20 kids. She was there for almost five years before she realized that she wanted to go back to Massachusetts. In 1986, she went to the Cambridge Shady Hill School knowing she was filling a position for just a six month period.

"That was around the time of proposition two-and-a-half and no one was hiring," she said. "I had the teaching experience and so I went to Shady Hill for the six months. After that I saw a position opened in Wilmington and I started at the Wildwood School in 1987."

A few years later she was moved to the Shawsheen School and serves as a physical education teacher there.

Coincidentally, her first trip to Wilmington in 1987 was the same time the girls' varsity soccer program began. That made it three schools and three times which Hendee was a major part of a program beginning. She assisted Mader for the first year as the team was around the .500 mark. The following year in 1988, she took over and the team had a great season, qualifying for the state tournament for the first time.

"The biggest difference between then and now is the amount of exposure," she said. "Now when you get to high school, you have all of these youth programs to get you started. There's a lot of camps which are available, there's summer leagues and clubs and indoor leagues. There's all kinds of stuff which wasn't offered back then. I think the kids today have a better understanding of the game too. They are much more tactical and I think that's



The tenth annual Town Crier Coach of the Year award goes out to Wilmington High girls' soccer coach Sue Hendee (top right), who guided this year's team to its first ever league title, and an overall record of 13-4-2 which included a trip to the second round of the Division 2 state tournament. Hendee becomes the first female coach to win the award. She has been the program's coach since 1988. (File Photo)

because of the playing experience they have.

"Back then Mom and Dad would usually fill in as a volunteer coach because a team needed one. Now there's training courses for people to take and it's a lot more knowledgeable."

During the first year she became head coach at Wilmington at the age of 28, Hendee lost her Mother Barbara, who passed away with breast cancer.

"Coaching soccer really helped me get through that," she said. "It was very hard for me. My mother was 400 miles away and she was sick and she was dying. It was just very tough and soccer got me through that."

Over the next ten years, Hendee's teams had success in both the Merrimack Valley Conference and Cape Ann League, while, they also had some teams which struggled in the win category. Yet throughout that entire time, she never stopped being that role model, being that person who truly went out of her way for many student-athletes, not to mention many other people and organizations. Every year she rides the Pan Mass Challenge and has raised thousands of dollars. She also participates in the Breast Cancer Research Race every year. She has also done the Jimmy Fund Walk.

More importantly in the late 90s she was by the side of two former players who went through health problems. Every step of the way, Hendee was with both Lauren Senesi, who was severely injured in an automobile accident, and Kara Irving, who was diagnosed with cancer and passed away several years ago. Hendee did everything she could for those two players, but she also has done a lot of behind the scenes work for many of her other players.

When the town of Wilmington held the Joe Bamberg Day to help the former boys' soccer goalie who was paralyzed, Hendee once again was right there giving her helping hand.

"How can't people connect with other people like (Senesi, Irving and Bamberg)?" she asked. "I really think that the

people in Wilmington really around certain situations and they are very supportive of others. The people of the town are always trying to give back. These kids here in Wilmington are such great kids. I don't know how people can't help out when something catastrophic happens."

While her loyalty to players who have gone through dealings off the field has been diagnosed, the same can be said to those players on the field. Hendee has been on the sides of star players, regular players and ones who never got a chance to play much yet she is always there for advice, guidance or just to be a friend. One player who didn't stick out in terms of being an all-star on this year's team, Jen Earls, was very quick to point out just what Hendee did for her as a coach, person and a friend.

"I think she is a very dedicated coach," said Earls. "She devotes a lot of time. Her communication line is always open and she always lets you know that. If can be anything with the team, or anything in general. We have meetings at practices and she wants our feedback of how things were done and so forth. I think that was very important that she likes to know what her players feelings are because if you

can't communicate with each other, you don't have anything."

"She loves the game of soccer. Absolutely she loves it. She really enjoys what she's doing. She gets the players to have that same love and desire she has for the game and we all can follow in her footsteps. She's very knowledgeable with the sport. She taught us a lot and I know she helped me improve a lot. She knows that she can't teach everything but she also knows that she can take stuff from other coaches to get a point across. She really connects with everyone. We had such team unity this season and she was a major part of that."

This past fall marked the 16th season Hendee has been the head coach. It was probably the one she'll remember most. It started off strong but it got much better after the team lost to North Reading and she had to steer the girls back on course letting them know that their talents were being wasted because the team wasn't focused every step of the way. After that talk, the team really responded.

Hendee was asked about her relentless dedication to her teams and especially to her student-athletes.

"All of that came from the

influence of my parents (Barbara and Buell)," she said. "As an athlete and as a coach I try to keep the same standard. I expect that from my players. I want the kids and the team to have a good time. I want them to work hard, to show good sportsmanship, to be good teammates, to be good students, to be a model citizen on and off the field and mostly just to have a positive experience."

All of that was evident throughout every single minute of every game the team had this season. Hendee realizes that not very season has gone as smoothly and was as successful as this one, and who knows if it will ever happen again?

"If the negatives outweighed the positives I wouldn't be coaching still," she said. "This year was remarkable because we won the league title and we had never come out on top in the MVC or in any other year in the CAL. Every year that a team goes to the tournament is memorable."

"But it's much more than that. The kids is the reason why I love coaching. What I like best is having the opportunity to have a kid in class and seeing them grow up and then I have them on the soccer team. That's my favorite thing. I like what I do."

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Boys Basketball  
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Boys Basketball  
Softball

Coach of the 90s decade: Paul Lyman



# First of four part series

## Jimmy Gillis: hard-nosed, very good athlete

This is the first of a four part series on Wilmington High athletic director Jim Gillis, who will be officially retiring as of January 2, 2004. This first part is a story on Gillis when he was a three-sport athlete at WHS, as well as playing football and baseball at Springfield College.

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Jim Gillis sat back in his chair which he had grown so comfortable with over the past 24 years inside his second home of Wilmington High's athletic director's office. He tried to look out the window while being asked about his childhood with his four brothers. He spoke about that for a bit and slowly his eyes were filling up. He was able to hold back the tears as he looked out the window for a distraction. But those words were a telling tale of exactly what's the most important aspect in his life: his family.

Gillis grew up as the oldest of five boys here in Wilmington. He says his family background is what made him the person and athlete he was in town during the 1960s, and it continues to be the backbone of who he is today. Now as a 58-year-old gentleman, Gillis will be retiring in just a few weeks from the AD's position.

"My father (James, or 'Buddy') always told this one story," explained Gillis. "People would ask him all of the time what it was like to raise five boys. My father would sit back and say 'Well my wife (Margaret) is a very hard worker. Because she works so much there's not a lot of time for her to do a lot of baking. So my kids like desserts so we would go to the store and buy six desserts in a package. I made sure I got one. My wife got one. Then there's four left for the five kids and that's how they got so tough.'"

As Jim Gillis got through explaining his father's funny story which involved his four brothers Dickie, Eddie, Jack and Bobby, his eyes were filling up thinking of his Dad and his brother Dick, who have since passed. It was his family, it was the way he was raised and the way of his childhood which made him into the Hall of Fame athlete here in Wilmington.

"Absolutely," he said. "My father never missed a single practice or game of mine. He would come in his trailer truck and it was great. Everyone would see the trailer and they would immediately know it was him. We had a very different world than what kids have today. (The five of us) grew up very competitive with each other. My mother and father did a great job of raising five boys and we all bled blue."

Jimmy was the oldest of five boys who all played sports, all kinds of sports. Mostly, the family was known for its football days. All five of them were dynamic football players, but more importantly and more impressively they were all known for their tremendously hard hits, their tremendous work ethics and the way they all were so scrappy, so determined and willing to do whatever it took to win that individual battle, to win that first down, to get that touchdown and to get that victory.

"Jimmy is a great guy, and a great brother," said Ed Gillis, who is the athletic director at Burlington High School. "He is a person I looked up to my entire life. He started off my family and we all continued it. We're all very close and we all stick together. We have a great family and Jimmy is a big part of it."

Jimmy epitomized the long tradition of Wilmington High football players: while they might lack size, they make up

for it in quickness, toughness and heart-and-desire.

"Jimmy was a pretty solid player for us," said John Ritchie, a longtime former head and assistant coach, who coached Gillis while they also were coaches together during the 70s. "He was a guard for us and he was selected to play in an all-star game up in Lowell but he was injured and he couldn't play. The entire Gillis family were all solid players. They were good hitters. I don't know if there is a family in town who hit harder than them."

"We always had small guards with Albie Hall and Eddie Polino and Jimmy. All of them were awfully tough. I remember one game we were playing North Reading in territorial downpours. We shouldn't have even played the game. I remember Jimmy was the guard and his job on this one play was to pull out and block the end coming in. He did, and Jackie Bowen ran for a 60-yard touchdown which was the only score of the game."

"Jimmy was very quick which was an asset to him and to the ball club. He did a lot of pulling as a guard. For being so small and so low built to the ground, Jimmy did a great job of blocking anyone who took him on."

In both 1961 and '62, the 'Cats football teams were superior under legendary coach Fred Bellissimo. The 1961 team finished 8-0-1. The '62 team finished undefeated (10-0) as is regarded as one of the school's all-time best teams.

That season the 'Cats had several big victories, including an 18-0 win over Chelmsford, which at that time was the first win over the Lions since World War II. Also the Wildcats went up against Lynnfield in a battle of 7-0 teams and came out on top. On Thanksgiving, Gillis was named the Rotary Club's Outstanding Linemen when he led the 'Cats to a shut out victory over Tewksbury.

Gillis had the jersey number 23 and was one of the linemen along with guys like Hall, Jon Fairfield, Joe Gray, Dave Babine, Mike Massie and Billy Ballou. Those guys worked hard in the trenches for an incredible running back named Jackie Bowen, who scored five touchdowns in 50-24 win over North Andover which gave him 116 points for the season at the time.

"We had some great backs then and all of those guys were such great teammates," said Gillis, who was also named to the Lowell Sun and Boston Globe's Class C All-Scholastic teams in '62. "We were blessed with some great student-athletes. A lot of kids in my class we're not big, but they were tough."

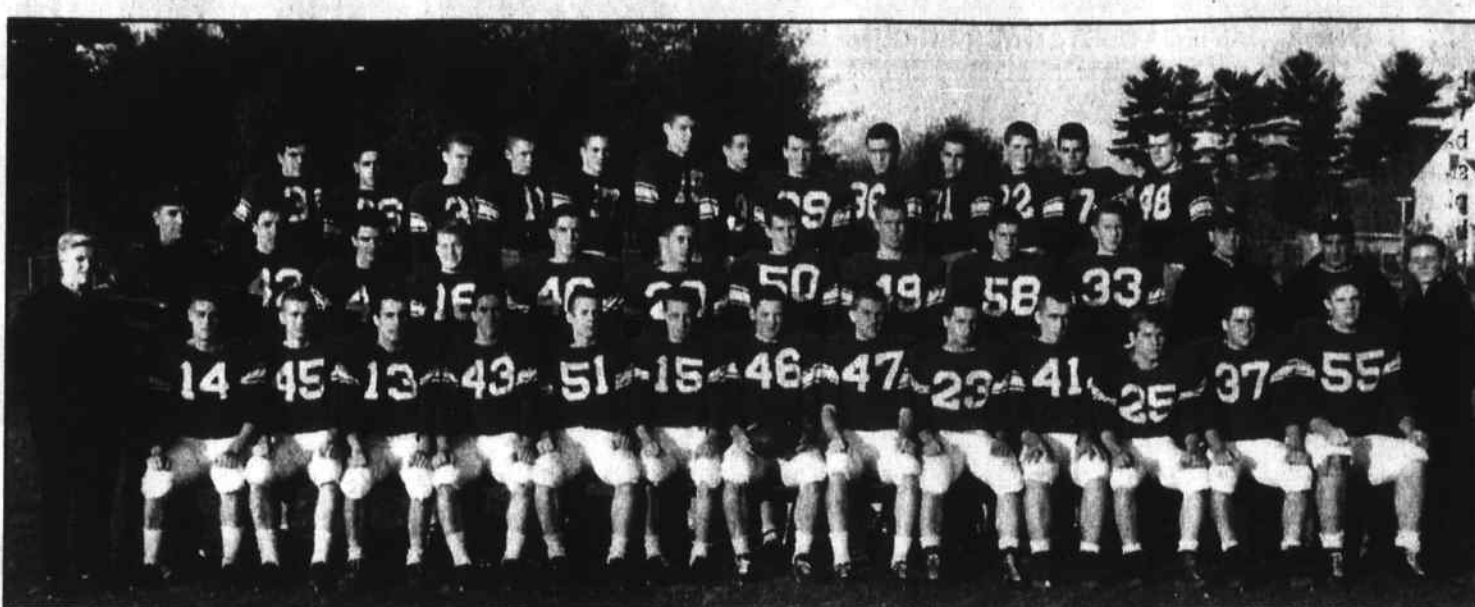
Bowen is considered one of the best backs to ever put on the uniform. He led the conference in scoring his senior year and ended up going to Wyoming with current Tewksbury High Athletic Director Bob Aylward and the two of them were roommates and have remained great friends.

"I didn't get to see Jimmy play," said Aylward. "But when Jackie and I were roommates I would hear all of the stories about him. Jackie would tell me how Jimmy was just a terror in the middle of the line."

Bowen who now lives in Billerica said he is still amazed at what Gillis accomplished as a two-way player.

"He was 125 pounds," said Bowen as Gillis claims he weighed 143 pounds when he graduated. "He was the only 125-pound guard in the entire league. He was played very physically - he was a very tough kid."

"Anytime I was going to run, he would open a hole for me and I just ran behind the hole he created. He was very



Current Wilmington High athletic director Jim Gillis will be retiring from his post on January 2. Gillis has spent over 40 years at the high school between being a student, an athlete, a coach and an athletic director. In 1962, he was a big part of the Wildcats' undefeated football team. He is pictured in the front row, wearing the jersey number 23. (courtesy photo)

instrumental (in my scoring success) and everyone else's too.

"He was a pulling guard and a blocking guard who would make that tackle or block or did whatever he had to do to help the team. He played with such tenacity. He was 125 pounds soaking wet - he was dynamite."

Bowen like other former teammates of Gillis's went on to say just how much life Gillis brought to the football team.

"He was a tremendous team player," said Bowen. "He was totally unselfish. He was a fun guy on the squad. He kept things hopping. He had a lot of character."

Added Eddie Gillis, "There's not too many 135 pound guards who played better than Jimmy. None better. He was awesome."

### College gridiron play

After graduating from WHS, Gillis continued his football days at Springfield College. He played football all four seasons, while he also played baseball for two seasons which he had to juggle around playing spring football.

He played all four years from 1964-'67 and was selected to the ECAC All-East All-Star teams in '66, as well as being named as All-New England Middle Guard (second team) the same year.

"(In college) he weighed 165 pounds and how many nose guards at that time weighed that," asked Eddie Gillis. "They played UNH, Northeastern and they were called a division two team. He was an awesome football player. He was very determined."

In 1967, Jim was moved to middle linebacker and was voted the outstanding defensive player and was selected as the team's MVP.

"I remember I was going to go to Wyoming but I got cold feet," said Jim. "I wasn't the biggest guy so I decided not to go there and work for a year. Then Springfield saw some film on me and I decided to go there to play. When I got there they saw my size and knew I was quick so they said 'great we need a running back'. Running back? Sure, where do I sign up?"

Gillis never ran the ball. Instead he did what he always did, create holes for the running backs, while blocking oncoming linemen and linebackers who were coming in to make tackles on his teammates.

"My teammates at Springfield were just like the ones I had here in Wilmington," said Gillis. "They were talented, they were unselfish and they just played with that basic philosophy. I've always lived by the saying as a coach that it's amazing what a group of people can do when no one cares who gets the credit."

"That was the case in Wilmington and Springfield. No one cared who got the credit. We just liked playing with one another and wanted to win."

"The roots I developed when I was at Wilmington (High)

really neutered me through college."

### Diamond play also many memories

There's been three baseball teams in school history which have gone to the state semi-final game and Gillis has been a part of all three of them. In 1962 he was the third baseman on the Wildcats squad which lost to Randolph, 6-5, in the Eastern Mass final played at Boston College.

In 1977 he was the head coach of the baseball team which lost in the state final to Drury, 5-2.

And in 1998 he was the athletic director when the baseball team lost to Bishop Stang in the Eastern Mass final played at Lowell under former head coach Dick Scanlon.

Gillis believes that the 1977 squad was the best one ever assembled in school history. But he didn't take anything away from the '62 team behind pitchers Ricky Froton and Jeff Williamson, who both had stints in professional baseball.

"Those baseball years (as a player) we're great," said Gillis. "Joe Gilligan was a great coach. We had chemistry, we certainly had team chemistry especially the '62 team."

Gillis's '62 team ended the regular season at 12-2 and were crowned the Class B Champions. Besides Gillis, Froton and Williamson, other members included Kenny Sugarman, Dave Fuller, Mike Farrell, Peter Emery, Larry Frost, John Robbins, Kevin Field and Mike Anderson. After cruising through the regular season, the 'Cats really hit their stride when post season began.

One game in particular came against Woburn. They were the defending Class B Champions and throughout the season, the Tanners and the Boston papers all believed that Woburn would cake walk through Class B, and should have been playing in Class A where they all felt Woburn would easily win as well. Woburn was led by a pitcher named Eddie Foley, and five players who had a batting average of .300 or better.

Foley and Froton were two of the better pitchers in the entire state and they squared off against one another in a quarterfinal game. Woburn took an early lead off Froton until he settled down in the fourth inning as he started to mix up his curve ball nicely.

The rest of the game he allowed just one hit as he dominated. In the meantime his teammates battled and stormed back on the offensive end. Gillis came in the third inning and had a huge two run single which was the difference in the 'Cats coming away with the 6-4 win which was considered the biggest upset in high school sports at that time.

"Jimmy was a clutch player," said Sugarman. "He always got the big hits when you needed them. He was a great player. He was very scrappy and such a clutch hitter. Eddie Foley was a tremendous pitcher and

Woburn claimed that they were too good to play in Class B. They felt they should've played in Class A. But we beat them. Jimmy got the game winning hit. He was an incredible scrapper."

After beating Woburn, Wilmington went on to play Cathedral of South Boston. Because Williamson was out with mono, Field got the starting job on the mound. He pitched well but was getting tired as the game was progressing. The game went back-and-forth including Gillis contributing with a key sacrifice bunt in the third inning which eventually led to two runs scoring.

Cathedral had a 6-5 lead until the 8th inning when Sugarman singled to drive in the game tying and game winning run. That hit and the relief pitching of Froton put the Wildcats into the Eastern Mass final.

"That season we lost our first two games and then won 14 straight," said Sugarman. "In the tournament we had a couple of games which were rained out and with Jeff out with mono, Kevin and Ricky really didn't have any time to rest."

Because Froton came in relief against Cathedral, he wasn't as sharp the following day when the 'Cats took the trip to Boston College to face Randolph in the Eastern Mass final despite the blistering heat of over 90 degrees. Randolph had an incredible pitcher named Barry Needham, who had a handful of no-hitters that season and all kinds of strikeouts, according to Sugarman.

"We were up 5-0 in that game," said Sugarman. "We were hitting him pretty good. But Ricky had to pitch the day before, he had no rest and with the weather he just pooped out. (Randolph) came back and beat us."

Randolph's Norman Tardiff ended up belting a three-run walk-off homerun which ended the 'Cats season.

"I'll never forget that season, especially the Woburn game," said Gillis.

Sugarman added that Gillis brought a lot more to the team than just big hits.

"On the funny side, Jimmy led the team in hitting the school on overthrows to first from third base," said Sugarman laughing. "He was a great guy to play with. He always was hustling and was a great team player."

Gillis was a part of two league championship teams, and after high school he furthered his playing days with two seasons at Springfield followed with seven seasons playing semi-professional baseball.

"He was such a great person and such a great athlete," said Froton. "He was a lot of fun to be around. I have nothing but great memories with Jimmy. He was such a hard nosed kid. He was a great baseball player. I would say that he was the best offensive linemen to ever wear a Wilmington uniform."

### A mixture of everything else

Besides being part of two undefeated football teams, and two league championship baseball teams, Gillis also was a guard on the basketball team. Those teams weren't as successful in terms of wins and losses like the other two sports, but once again Gillis excelled despite his lack of height. He was known as a solid defensive player, and just an overall good scrappy, hard working good athlete that any coach would like to have on a team.

"Jimmy played basketball like he was playing football," said Ed Gillis with a good laugh. "He was the guy who would get four or five fouls a game. He was the pint guard - he definitely wasn't the shooting guard."

Jimmy Gillis also dabbed a little in the sport of boxing.

"We only had it for a few years but at night we would have boxing at the gymnasium and people would come and watch," explained Froton. "And everytime Jimmy fought, he would win his weight class. He would be a mess with blood all over him, but he would win."

Gillis graduated in 1963 and it was 28 years later in 1991 when he was inducted into the Wilmington High School Hall of Fame as an athlete. With his family by his side for that special night, Gillis was very proud of his playing days and wearing the good old Blue and White uniforms. It didn't matter to him the wins, the losses, or if he wore the uniform while on the football field, on the basketball court or on the baseball diamond. It didn't matter to him if he lacked height or a build of a Jon Fairfield, none of that mattered to him. All that did was he lived his life as a Wildcat.

"Maybe it's something in the water where we don't get big guys," he said. "But every year we would get the toughest linebackers and the toughest linemen. Wilmington just has hard nosed kids who dedicated themselves, who work as hard as they could to help the team and who would get great family support just like I did."

Some of the information on Jim Gillis and the athletic teams he played for was provided by old articles in the Town Crier written by Larz Neilson and Rick Cooke. Other information was also provided by the Wilmington High Hall of Fame Committee.

Next week, the second part of the series will continue on Jimmy Gillis as his days as a baseball and football coach, which eventually led to his days as the school's athletic director.

The following week the third part of the series will feature Gillis's days as the athletic director.

The fourth week will be a column from the sports department on Jimmy Gillis.



## WHS Boys Basketball Preview

## Two-time league champs back for more

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The last two seasons have been pretty special for the Wilmington High boys' basketball team. Even though the state tournament didn't go as planned, the team enjoyed back-to-back Cape Ann League titles, and many hard earned victories.

Perhaps this season will make it a trifecta.

Starting on Tuesday night when Triton Regional comes to town for a 7:00 pm contest, this year's team will be much different than those of the past. The past two years, the team relied on its outside shooting to get them over the edge. This year it seems like the team is much bigger, more athletic and will be looking for its inside game to take them over the top.

"I think this is the most athletic team I've ever had," said Jim McCune, now in his 14th season as head coach. "I think the strengths will be our inside game, but also the ability to play defense and to rebound. We're going to have to find a perimeter shooter, because we're not going to be firing up 25 three-pointers a game like we used to. But I think our biggest strength is geared up for the inside game."

The inside game could be dominate this season. This year's club which carries 14 players, has a handful of very big and quick players. Senior tri-captain Zach Mitzan, who stands at 6-foot-8, will be the go-to player for the club both on the offensive and defensive end. He played AAU and really emerged under head coach Mike Crotty. Mitzan will be the team's center.

Senior Dan Hurley, who stands at 6-foot-7, really emerged off the bench last year and will have a more prominent role. He'll play the power forward spot. The two of them should really open up a lot on the floor, with their presence down low, which should open up the perimeter shooting. They should also dominate on the boards.

Senior captains Mike Kelley and Derek Trueira will be the team's two guards. Kelley is now in his third year with the Big Club and he's as quick and as athletic as they come. He has a very good shot and McCune said that this far through the week of practice, that Kelley looks much more comfortable shooting the ball. Trueira is also very agile and is by far the team's best defensive player, and the team's best free throw shooter.

Junior Eric Ollila (6-foot-2)

makes up the team's fifth starter and he'll play the small forward position. He is very smooth on the floor, with great leaping abilities and a very nice touch.

Seniors Mike Cavallaro and Kevin Pizzotti return to the team and they'll be looking to contribute as a forward and a guard, respectively. Juniors Clayton Huynh, Bobby Sinopoli, Brennan Jones and Ryan Quigley are up from the JV team to add depth. Quigley stands in at 6-foot-4 and he'll primarily back-up Mitzan and Hurley. McCune said that Quigley has improved a lot from the past two seasons. Jones is another six foot player and both he and Cavallaro will be looked upon to add toughness to the line-up, with the ability to grab their share of rebounds.

The last three players on the team are sophomores. Sean Murphy stands at 6-foot-1 and Brian Cairra stands at six feet making 8 players on the team who are six feet or taller. Joey Herra, the final sophomore, currently is the team's sixth player and will see some time as guard. Both Herra and Murphy, as well as Kelley and Trueira, are legitimate threats from the outside.

"This is going to be a team that gets out there and run," said McCune. "We are very good getting to the basket. We have players who can shoot from the outside but most of them are inexperienced. We're going to make a strong effort of getting Zach the ball as much as we can. I think we're going to be very good defensively. We have kids who can really guard other players well on the perimeter and if they get beat, then we have a 6-7 and a 6-8 kid in the middle."

"We're going to be very aggressive on the perimeter with our defense and really press teams. Both Zach and Dan run very well. They both have very good North and South speed. They are very good athletes and being their size it's not easy to run as well as they do."

"The past few years I've come into the season worrying about our defense and this year, well right now I don't think I have to worry about that as much. We'll see when scrimmages and the games come around but I think that's going to be one of our strengths. Offensively, I think both Mike and Derek will be able to play the point (guard position). They both have been in a ton of pressured games and have done very well. We're going to have the ability of going inside

a lot which I think will take a lot of pressure off of the perimeter shooters. I think if we're average on the perimeter, that we'll find our offense."

Last year Wilmington finished 12-4 in the league to capture the second straight league title and third in the past seven years. The team went on to finish 14-6 overall which included a first round overtime win over North Cambridge Catholic in the Division 3 North tournament, which followed by a heart breaking loss to Watertown, also in overtime in the second round of the tourney. McCune knew that he has potential to do all of that the past two years. He knows this year's team is different, but also the same in many ways.

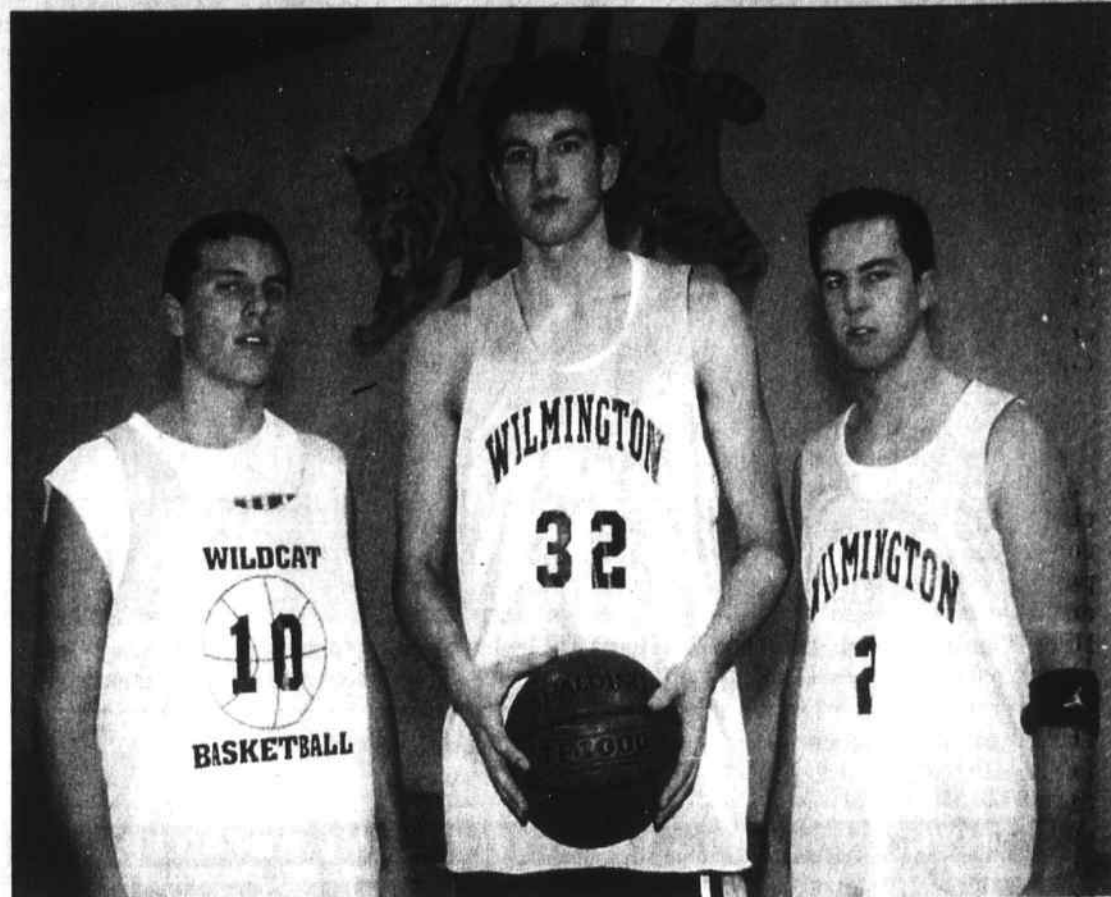
"This team can be pretty good," he said. "I think you'll have the same teams in the Cape Ann League with North Andover, Newburyport, Masco and Hamilton-Wenham and so on. What we have found out in the league is that every team is well coached and all of their players play extremely hard. So if you overlook a team you'll find yourself in trouble. I know this is a different type of team that we've had, but I think it's going to be a pretty good one. I don't know in terms of wins and losses, but I think if the team sacrifices itself and plays hard and plays as a team, that we can be successful."

"I'm pretty happy with the kids we got. Maybe they are too nice, but I really enjoy these kids. I think this could be an interesting year. I certainly think we can win the league title and qualify for the tournament. Those are our goals every year and we think those are legitimate goals to achieve every year."

If that's a case and those goals are met, it would then become a trifecta.

WHS Boys  
Basketball Schedule

12/16	vs Triton	7:00
12/19	vs Manchester	7:00
12/27	vs Revere	6:30
12/28	vs Burl/Tewks	TBA
12/30	vs Dedham	6:30
1/2	at Lynnfield	7:30
1/5	at Rockport	6:30
1/7	vs Masconomet	7:00
1/9	at Amesbury	6:30
1/13	vs Newburyport	7:00
1/16	vs N. Reading	7:30
1/19	vs Pentucket	6:00
1/23	at Ipswich	6:30
1/30	at H-Wenham	6:30
2/4	at Masconomet	6:30
2/6	vs N. Andover	7:00
2/10	vs H-Wenham	7:00
2/12	at Georgetown	6:30
2/17	at N. Andover	6:30
2/18	vs Tewksbury	7:00



The Wilmington High boys basketball team enters this season as the two-time Cape Ann League champions. This year's team will be led by its tri-captains, from left to right, Derek Trueira, Zach Mitzan and Mike Kelley.  
(photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

## Pee Wee B's roll along despite the snow

Braving the perils of last weekend's nor'easter, the Wilmington Pee Wee B's trekked to Nashua last Saturday to take on Billerica B in a game that had just enough punch to it to make the messy trip worthwhile. The Wildcats, badly outnumbered with only ten players, stood toe to toe with Billerica for all three periods, but had to acquiesce to a 3-3 tie after all was said and done.

The contest followed last Thursday's "other" match up where the B's ganged up on Hollis with goals from Matt Larfarello, John Moriarty and Sean Sullivan, and assists from Cole Carter, Justin Rivera, Pat Boudreau and Larfarello, to take a tidy 3-0 win in Dual State action.

Last week's two meetings brought to six the number of games the B's have played of late without a loss, erasing the memory of their prior six-game losing streak that had the coaches Paul Boudreau, Bob Young, John Malone and Frank Gaffey scratching their heads in bewilderment and frustration.

Part of the explanation for the

turnaround could be a recent divisional realignments that have taken place in the Dual State and Valley Leagues. Another could be that the B's have started showing more discipline in their play, which has led to better playmaking and fewer penalties. Recent wins have featured much more passing, and last weekend the B's committed only two penalties compared to prior weeks when they racked up many more. Whatever the reason, the B's play has definitely progressed as the season has unwound.

In last Saturday's game with Billerica, Wilmington got on the board first in the first minute of the game when Justin Rivera, assisted by Pat Boudreau, nailed a hard shot from the right side of the net. Mike Campbell of Billerica retaliated a minute and thirty-four seconds later to level the score, but Sean Tavares, with help from David Mello, stepped up for Wilmington at the half way mark of the period with a rebound goal that took back the lead for the Wildcats 2-1.

Wilmington's netminder, Pat Young, who has been red hot lately, made two excellent

saves, one at 4:23 and another at 10:50 into the period, to hold the lead for the B's.

In the second frame, Billerica lit the lamp twice at 49 seconds and 7:37 to take the lead, but Wildcat David Mello would not be denied his bid for tying the score. Mello hit the post at 7:58 of the period and then the cross bar with 50 seconds left. Finally, with just 20 seconds to go in the period, he followed up on a John Malone shot and this time got it over the Billerica goalie to even the score at three.

The third period was eventful offensively, but Wilmington's sparse defensive squad of Kevin Barry, Jared Hayes, and Kyle Gaffey was busy holding off Billerica. Gaffey went to the body to slow Billerica, while Hayes and Barry used some nice stick work to block and clear the puck. Barry and Hayes also teamed up with Cole Carter to masterfully kill a threatening Billerica power play in the middle of the period. Goalie Pat Young didn't let up either, grabbing two ominous shots in the final ten seconds of the game to keep the 3-3 tie for Wilmington.

Coming in  
the next  
few weeks

As the 2003 calendar year comes to an end, the Town Crier sports section plans on keeping busy through the holidays. The next two issues will include the Female Athlete of the Year followed by the Male Athlete of the Year awards. Over the next three issues will be the continuation of the Jim Gillis series with parts two, three and four. Also next week will be the team previews of both the Wilmington High boys and girls ice hockey teams.



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# Girls Basketball team looks to advance to next level



The Wilmington High girls basketball team will be led by co-captains Brynna Moroney (left) and Elysa Maglione (right). (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Last season was certainly an up and down one for then first year head coach Al Duffett and the rest of the Wilmington High girls basketball team. However, when the season was officially over, the team had gone from a four-win season to an eight-win season just missing out on the state tournament by two victories.

Now entering this season, Duffett said that this year's team has tremendous team chemistry, while the attitudes on the team are very refreshing and very good. Although the team will certainly have its work cut out because of a grueling schedule, as well as the loss of several players off last year's team, there seems to be a guarantee that the next step in the long rebuilding process of this program will be taken.

"The chemistry is awesome and the captains are the best," said Duffett. "What a difference a year makes. We came in to this year's practices and we didn't have to go over stuff we didn't know like we had too last year. That's big because now we can work on other stuff we need to go over. We have several returning starters back and we have a real good mix of veterans and youth players. Brynna (Moroney) and Elysa (Maglione) are great captains. They have such great character and that's been a big difference so far."

"We're going to continue to play our man-to-man, our zone, we're going to press and run all of our offenses. In our scrimmage (On Monday) we missed a lot of shots. We'll have to work on that, but at least this year the girls aren't afraid to shoot."

Of the 12 players on this year's roster, just two of them are seniors, while the junior and senior class has just three players with varsity experience. All in all, the team brings back five players from last year's team.

Duffett lost a handful of players off last year's team due to graduation, while, one of the better players, and the team's off-guard Lauren Rappoli, who was the best threat from the outside, decided not to go out for the team this season leaving a hole to be filled.

"We're going to pound the ball inside to Brynna as much as we can," said Duffett. "But we need someone to step up and shoot from the outside. We had too many turnovers last year and too many the other day at

the scrimmage. We have some work to do, there's no doubt about that."

"I love my girls. They are just awesome. We've been having so much fun. They are athletic, they all want to get better which is a great sign to me. We're in a tough league with the same group of good teams but we're all very excited about getting the season underway."

Moroney will be the team's go-to player. She improved leaps-and-bounds throughout last year and towards the latter part of the season having a double-double was as routine for her as waking up for school every morning is. She's tough under the basket. Last year she came along way with her touch and her moves inside. Look for her to elevate her game even more this season.

Maglione, the other captain, is a very energetic person who brings a lot of to any team she plays on. She had a handful of strong games last year, especially on the defensive end and with rebounding. She'll be relied on much more this season, especially if opposing teams pack in down low against Moroney.

Junior point guard Lani Cabral-Pini is back for her second stint with the varsity team. There's probably not too many athletes in the school who are physically and mentally as tough as she is. She's also extremely quick which really helped the defense cause many turnovers.

Last year she was new to the varsity and struggled at times not shooting and turning the ball over. Now with a year under her belt, she'll be the team's quarterback once again running the offense. She is coming off a very good soccer season, and she'll be looked to take her hoop game to the next level.

Sophomores Alyssa Bibeau and Megan Godding are back after playing last year as freshmen. Both of them really came off towards the end of last season once they got their feet wet. Both of them are aggressive and have tons of potential. The same can be said for freshman Ashley Vitale, who seems to have a major upside. She stands around 5-foot-10 and she'll be a presence under the basket once she gets used to the faster play.

Juniors Kelly Crosby, Emily Largenton and Ryan Murphy as well as sophomores Alicia Murray, Courtney Brown and Ashley Poirier comprise the rest of the team and they are

all up from last year's JV team. Murray will most likely back up Cabral-Pini as the point guard.

Poirier will probably spell both Moroney and Maglione as the center/power forward position. Brown and Largenton will see time as both forward spots, and Crosby and Murphy will see most of their action as guards.

Besides the league's powers of Amesbury, Newburyport, Masconomet and North Andover, Duffett believes Lynnfield will be much stronger this season in the Cape Ann League. In addition to the league games, Wilmington has a pair of home-and-home series with Tewksbury and Concord-Carlisle. Tewksbury returns almost its entire team from last year's 14-7 finish, and Concord-Carlisle won the Division 2 state championship three years ago but have struggled for victories ever since in the tough Dual County League.

"Our numbers are down this year and that's a shame," said Duffett. "But I really think that we might be able to sneak up on a lot of teams. I think we're going to be more patient, but I know that everyone will be on the floor so that won't be a problem. The good thing is we have ten girls and we can always go 5-on-5 during practices and I think that's really going to benefit us because the drop off of talent isn't that far off. We'll have line-up changes, but we're going to be competitive."

Wilmington opens its season on Tuesday with a road trip to Triton Regional. They will host Tewksbury on December 18th for the home opener beginning at 7:00 pm.

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## Pee Wee C's take on Billerica

While most people were spending the day after Thanksgiving working their way through the malls, the pee wee c's were working hard against Billerica's Pee Wee C's. The Billerica team showed up without their goalie using one of the players as a filler. The cats took full advantage. With four minutes of the game played, Tim Martens brought the puck up ice passing to Kelly Brandano who fed the puck to Sam Grant at the blue line who then skated in and put the cats on the board. Billerica's defense worked hard trying to stop the cats from getting near their goal. With three minutes left in the period, Brett Kidik passed out front to Peter

Leighton to give the cats their second goal. With less than a minute in the period, Kelly Brandano gets her second assist of the game as she dumps the puck into Billerica's zone for Tim Martens to grab and skate in for the cats third goal.

In the beginning of the second period, Billerica got on the board with a puck that rolled over Steven Cadigan's shoulder as he tried to glove it. Billerica's goalie showed up in the second period but this did nothing to slow down the cats. Halfway through the second period, the offensive team of Sam Grant and Tim Martens, each got an assist giving the puck to Kelly Brandano to get the cats next goal. The defen-

sive teams of Cori Michals, Brian Good, Steve Piscatelli and Brian Fitzpatrick worked as though they could read each other's minds effectively killing four penalties. The offensive lines of Mark Flannagan, Ryan Derian, and Jared Ravagni, each had some attempts on Billerica's goalie.

The third period, like the first, belonged to the cats. Sean Keane's pass to Peter Leighton again put the cats on the board and gave Peter his second goal of the game. The cats ended the game with a goal from Steve Piscatelli on a pass from Tim Martens.

## Squirt II's have tough task with Haverhill and Burlington

The Wilmington Squirt II youth hockey team played two tough opponents over the Thanksgiving weekend. First was a very physical Haverhill I team that result in a 2-2 tie. Paul Barbaro scored the first goal on a nice pass from Jackie Mulrenan to put the 'Cats up 1 to 0. Trevor Foley added a second goal to make it 2 to 0. Haverhill would not go away and scored less than a minute later to make it 2 to 1. Haverhill tied it early in the third period and both teams had many chances to break the tie, but both goalies were not willing to bend. Nick Luise

played a great game between the pipes and the defense of Steven Taylor, Sara Alonardo, Frank Cerbone and Mike Ciampa.

The second game of the week ended with a 4-3 victory over a solid Burlington team. The two teams had met a week earlier with Burlington coming out on top. The Wilmington team came out flying and built up a 4 to 1 lead after two periods. A pretty goal by Drew Cummings after receiving a nice pass from Nick Pino tied the game at one. The second period belonged to Wilmington with the line of Trevor Foley,

Scott Layton and Brendan Munro taking over. Each scored a goal, with Scott's set up by a great play by Gordie Fitch. Brendan Munro also had two assists and Scott Layton one.

Burlington would not go down easy and fought back to make it 4 to 3 with a minute left. The defense remain solid in front of Nick Luise and the team held on for the victory. Connor Brennan, Tyler MacInnis and Jeffrey Gossens played well for the Cats. It was another exciting week of hockey and team continues to play well.



# Patriots bandwagon continues to pile up

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA

Well, here we are again. A New England sports team has reached the point of supremacy. The New England Patriots are the best team in the AFC and possibly the NFL. After a recent poll on cnsi.com the Patriots are favored to go to Houston on February 1. Sixty-three percent of the voters thought the Patriots would be the AFC representatives in the Super Bowl. That's an overwhelming percentage. The Kansas City Chiefs were voted by 11% of the people all over the country. They were the closest to the Pats. Now that's how the country feels. But how do New Englanders feel?

Remember a couple months ago, when the Boston Red Sox

were playing in game seven of the American League Championship series? All of New England was glued to their television sets hoping the Bean town Boys could thwart the Evil Empire. It didn't happen, but it was simply being nine innings away from the World Series that had us psyched. It was the hunger for glory that made New England crazy.

Now the Patriots are at the same point. They've brought the diehard fans of New England back on top of Mount Everest. But for how long? Week after week the experts say this is the week the Patriots fall. But they haven't. For eight weeks they've refused to lose. Whether it be in the RCA Dome

in Indianapolis where they weathered the storm that was the Colts, or in snowy Gillette Stadium where the fish were indeed squished in another winter battle. And all the overtime games, where they have yet to falter.

So much adversity has been triumphed this season. Early in the season the injury list was longer than the holiday shopping lines. Releasing Lawyer Milloy five days before the start of the season didn't bode well with the fans. Of course the Bills and newly acquired Milloy clobbered the Pats in the opener. Then ESPN analyst Tom Jackson made a statement that; "(The Patriot players) hate their coach". This shocked and dismayed many Patriot

fans. Actually the only people who weren't shocked were the Patriots themselves. They couldn't listen to the media. They weren't like all the other premier teams who got caught up reading their own headlines. They knew it wasn't true. Bill Belichick has erased any doubt that he is a football mastermind by leading his team to victory over Bill Parcells and the Cowboys. The only people who aren't surprised at the Patriots success are themselves. They had high expectations coming into the season.

The Patriots are the definition of a team. There is no superstar, or dominance in one area. They don't overwhelm you with stats, only in the win column. They are a balanced team with

a consistent offense that doesn't turn the ball over, a defense that plays smart and doesn't allow the big play. The defense also sets the tone. Their tenacity can ignite the whole team.

And the special teams are rock solid with rookie Bethel Johnson getting good field position and on occasion breaking one loose, or Adam Vinatieri, the kicker who won the Super Bowl two years ago. The coaching staff is what makes the team tick. Romeo Crenell has performed wonders with the defense, while Charlie Weiss has constructed a solid offense. Belichick is the man who puts it all together. Scott Pioli has achieved great success in drafting college players. And the man with the plans, Robert

Kraft has created a state of the art sporting facility.

This Patriots team has created the same buzz the Red Sox did not so long ago. The fans will accept nothing short of a ticket to the Super Bowl. It's amazing. As quick as the snow falls more and more people are jumping on the Patriots bandwagon. Apparently, no one believed the Patriots championship run two years ago was for real. Well, this time, the bandwagon is going to drive right down to Houston on Super Bowl Sunday. And no one will doubt the Patriots this time.

Louie Cimaglia is a 13-year-old boy from Wilmington who writes a weekly column on different sporting events.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



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##### NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 17, 2003 at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. 01876 on an application filed by Wells Family Trust for a Notice of Intent.

Said property is located on 260 Whipple Road. Assessor's Map(s) 9 Lot(s) 27

Subdivide Property into 11 single residential dwelling lots and construction of 11 single residential dwellings. The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

12.10.03 Stan Folta  
3680 Chairman

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12.3.03 Steven J. Sadwick,  
3687;12.10.03 Director

## LEGAL NOTICE

### MORTGAGEE'S SALE

#### OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Francis J. Mearls, Jr. to First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, dated January 26, 2001 and recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11330, Page 296 of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B, without recourse is the present holder by assignment, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 20 Grand Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on January 8, 2004, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 201 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, MA 01824-2307, c/o Sanjit S. Korde or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee.

Other terms to be announced at the sale. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B, without recourse, present holder of said mortgage, its attorney Sanjit S. Korde Korde & Associates, P.C. 201 Chelmsford Street Chelmsford, MA 01824 (978) 256-1500  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF WILMINGTON



#### NOTICE

The Town of Wilmington's Water and Sewer Commission will be meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium. On the agenda, scheduled for 5:30 PM is a presentation and discussion of the Draft Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan (CWRMP).

This plan describes how the Town could proceed to meet its future storm water, waste water, and drinking water needs, while balancing economic and environmental concerns. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in this very important topic.

The draft CWRMP has been submitted to the Secretary for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs-MEPA unit for review.

The MEPA unit will be accepting public comments on the draft CWRMP through December 29, 2003.

12.10.03 Wilmington Water  
3695 Department

## LEGAL NOTICE

### THE COMMONWEALTH

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### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



#### OFFICE OF THE

#### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Tewksbury, by the board of Assessors of said Tewksbury, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Tewksbury on Monday December 29, 2003, at 9:00 AM for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF WILMINGTON



#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

##### PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. 01887, on Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 7:15 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Notice of Intent, filed by Town of Wilmington, Engineering Department, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington MA. 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to replace a stone culvert, construct headwalls and guard rails and resurface the roadway. This work is within the 100 foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located on Assessor's Map 17 Parcels 14 & 20, Burlington Avenue, Wilmington, MA. 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

12.10.03 James Morris, Chair  
3697 Conservation Commission

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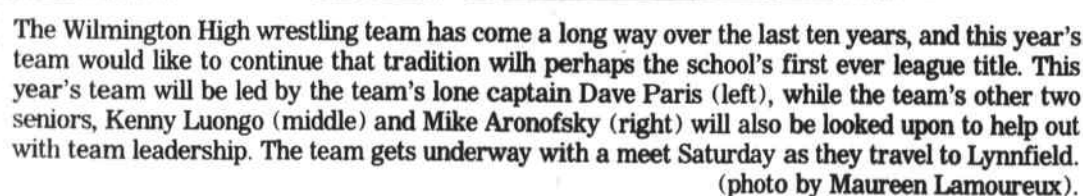
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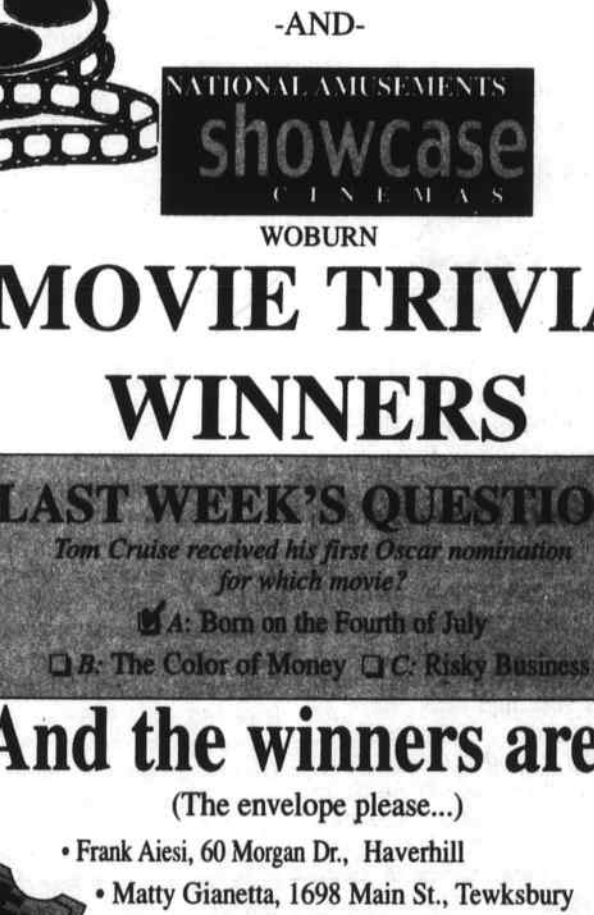


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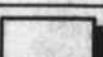
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# Mark blazes through races

BY PAUL HAYES  
Sports Correspondent

Mark Blaisdell makes a living dealing with numbers, and spends his free time racking up numbers. Recently he totaled some impressive figures: 2 races, 4 days, and an average pace of 5:51.5 per mile. Blaisdell ran in the Thanks For Giving 5K in Lowell on Thanksgiving Day, and then in the 3.5 mile Andover Cross Country Race in Andover on the following Sunday. He fared well in both races.

He finished 10th in Lowell with a time of 18:11, third in the 40-49 age bracket, and 18th in Andover with a time of 20:27, fifth in the 40-49 age bracket. But he was not concerned with placing well.

"I'm not out there to win the race, but I'm putting in a pretty good effort," said Blaisdell, whose best time in a 5K race is around 15:30. "It's not like I'm 28 years old again, you can only endure so much pain."

So what drove Blaisdell to

binge on miles while others binged on turkey and stuffing? Thirty years of running, for one thing. Blaisdell started to run his freshman year at Tewksbury High, joining the cross country team as a means to prepare for the hockey and baseball seasons. But at some point running began to take over. In 1975, his senior year at Tewksbury High, he was named captain of the cross country team, and in 1978 he was named captain of the University of Massachusetts at Lowell cross country team.

While at UMass-Lowell, he also ran indoor and outdoor track, competing in the two mile and 10,000 meter events. He went on to run all types of road races including marathons, and while his marathon days are behind him he continues to run 45-60 miles per week.

He works as a controller for a company in Peabody, and the combination of running interest and accounting experience led

to his being installed as the treasurer of the Greater Lowell Road Runners. He has four children, including a son Tom who is a junior at Wilmington High. Like his father, Tom has joined the cross country team, primarily as a means to prepare for the winter hockey season. It remains to be seen if son will follow in his father's fleet footsteps.

As for Mark, he currently runs approximately 10 road races per year, typically 5K and 10K events. Since first lacing up a pair of running shoes at age 16, Blaisdell has for the most part remained injury free, and he feels no need to return to longer races, because of the physical problems that can result from running such long distances.

"(I haven't run marathons) for 15-20 years, I'm not into doing it into the sake of doing it," said Blaisdell. "I'm more into it for the fun of it."



The Wilmington High boys indoor track team will be led by its four captains, left to right, Shayne Gaffney, Dave Celli, Brian Schell and Jared Miller. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

## Boys Track Preview Coach believes line-up makes team competitive

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH  
Sports Correspondent

As Wilmington Boys' Indoor Track coach Bob Cripps prepares for the season to get underway this Saturday, he feels confident that his team will, at the very least, be competitive. After all, Cripps has had an unprecedented 53 boys come out for this year's indoor team. In fact, Cripps has so many athletes that he recently made the decision to amend the schedule and add four Junior Varsity meets to the calendar in order to allow more kids to compete.

"It's not fair to take kids out [to varsity meets] and have them practice and not compete," said Cripps of his decision to add the JV meets.

He is looking forward to the rigors of coaching 53 boys and admits that it certainly poses some advantages in terms of the team's larger season. He will almost certainly have a large selection of athletes to weave in and out of events as he sees fit.

"I'm hoping for a good season," he said. "As of now, I really can't say until I see them in action. We'll have three more practices out in the snow, so you can't really tell too much about what you've got in two feet of snow."

Even at this early point though, Cripps admits that he has some idea of his team's strengths and weakness. Despite the loss of sensation Dan Vassallo and Jason Gustin to graduation, Cripps has managed to retain much of a distance team that kept Wilmington in every single meet last year. In the two-mile, Todd Chen will return for the Wildcats. The senior finished third in the league last year and should hopefully perform just as well during the upcoming season. Junior Chris Murray, returns as the Cape Ann League Champion in the mile. Cripps, not only expects Murray to dominate the CAL once again in the event, but firmly believes Murray will emerge as one of the top runners in the state.

Meanwhile, captain and senior Shayne Gaffney, who was instrumental in scoring for the team last year in the mile, is moving to the 1,000 with the hope of spreading the Wilmington attack around. Gaffney together with sophomore P.J. Russo should be battling it out for top honors regularly in the 1,000. In the 600, Wilmington will be led by

another captain, Brian Schell, who was also among Wilmington's most prolific scorers last year. Schell qualified for the states in the event last year and should remain very competitive in the upcoming season. Cripps also expects contributions in the 600 from junior Brian Little and senior Dennis Robillard.

Even with a medley of boys on this year's team, last year's Achilles heel - their sprinting ability - figures to remain a problem for the Wildcats. Cripps is still trying to identify runners in both the 300 and 500 two events that Wilmington was notoriously weak in last year. At the moment, the top 300 runner seems to be sophomore Rick Fudge. Cripps is hoping that some others will join him after he reviews the results of last week's time trials. If no one emerges, Cripps will insert captain Jared Miller into the event periodically. Miller should also be the team's top 50-meter runner.

In the hurdles, another event that was somewhat problematic last season, Cripps is more optimistic about his team's prospects. Senior Eric Pelletier returns to the event and will look to continue last year's late season success. Additionally, the coach believes that juniors Brian Giambernardino and Chris Caiazzo will contribute strongly to scoring points for the 'Cats.

In the field events, Wilmington has some tough cleats to fill. After losing last season's top shot-putter and high jumper to graduation, Cripps will certainly be hoping that someone can master either technique before the season begins on Saturday. Captain Dave Celli will be solid in shot-put, but Cripps is less sure about the high jump, an event in which he describes his jumpers' current techniques, "as everything but the right one." On a more serious note, he does believe that juniors Chris Johnson and Caiazzo will score consistently in the event, but admits that neither will be able to fill Gustin's sneaks, at least, not in the short term.

Still, with his crew of boys, many of them returning upperclassmen, Cripps feels that he has much to feel optimistic about.

"We are going to be competitive in every meet, and nobody is going to be able to take us for granted," said Cripps.

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## Shawsheen Tech senior

## Johnson leaves football team on top

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

Ted Williams hit a home run in his final at bat in the major leagues. John Elway won a Super Bowl in his final game. Michael Jordan retired (well, the first time) after hitting a game winning shot in the NBA finals.

What Shawsheen Tech's Scott Johnson did on Thanksgiving morning in his last game as a high school football player may not quite have equaled those feats, but it was still one heck of a way to close out a career.

The senior wide receiver/linebacker from Tewksbury caught a 45-yard touchdown pass with 54 seconds left in the Rams clash with Greater Lowell to give Shawsheen a dramatic 12-6 win in their annual turkey day battle with the Gryphons. For Johnson, the dramatic finish was more than he could have hoped for as a final high school football memory.

"It was an awesome way to finish," Johnson said. "My only goal was to win on Thanksgiving, so to finish my career with not only a win, but a play like that made it that much sweeter."

On the winning play Johnson beat his defender from Greater Lowell and then maintained his concentration as the ball was tipped off the defender's fingers. He hauled the ball in at about the 10-yard line and then eluded two or three Gryphon tacklers to get into the end zone.

"I just grabbed the ball and went to the end zone," Johnson said. "My only focus was finding the goal line. Once I got there the first thing I remember was (teammate) Brendan Warford jumping right on top of me because he was so excited. The whole team was pumped."

That Johnson made a big play at a crucial time should have come as no surprise to followers of the Rams. The only question may have been as to whether he would make the big play on offense or defense. Johnson caught 13 passes this season for 228 yards and three touchdowns, including one on a punt return against Millis. Defensively, he was also dominant at his linebacker and strong safety positions, with 45 tackles, which placed him second on the team. He also had three interceptions to tie for the team lead and two fumble

recoveries.

Johnson stepping up on Thanksgiving also should have come as no surprise as he also had a touchdown in the Rams 21-14 win last season over Greater Lowell.

"Scott is just the type of player that has a knack of making things happen whether it be offense or defense," Shawsheen coach Al Costabile said. "He's just got that ability to make the big play."

Actually, Thanksgiving offered a view at Johnson's ability to make plays both offensively and defensively. After the touchdown, Greater Lowell still had one opportunity for a final drive, but Johnson broke up two passes and almost sealed the game with an interception. Although he missed the pick, he still managed to break up the play and help preserve the win. Johnson has made a habit of turning a positive on offense into even more of a positive on defense.

"If I make a good play on offense it gets me ready to play defense. After making that play for the touchdown, I just wanted to do more," Johnson said. "That has happened all year, when I make a good play on one side it motivates me to

make a big play on the other side. In that game, my adrenaline was just pumping so much, that stopping them was my only goal."

Johnson, who in addition to his strong safety and linebacker duties, also played some free safety on defense, was named to the Commonwealth Athletic Conference All-Star team. His versatility was a big reason he was selected for the honor and it is also a big reason why Costabile and his coaching staff will miss him so much.

"That's a void that's tough to fill when you lose a player like Scott," Costabile said. "You're talking about a kid who played offense, defense and special teams. When you sit down the following year and try to figure out how to replace certain kids, the toughest ones to replace are the ones that are on the field 90% of the time. It might take two or three kids to do it."

As much as Costabile will miss Johnson, the player will equally miss his coach.

"Coach C is without a doubt the best coach I have ever had," Johnson said. "He cares about us. He loves the sport and he knows the sport. He is also a funny guy. I am going to miss him."

Johnson, like most seniors who have played their last game, also realizes he will miss his teammates more than anything. A pitcher and third baseman for the baseball team, he will likely play baseball in college, but odds are he has played his last football game. More importantly, he certainly will not play football again with this group of friends.

"I could not have had a better year with the receiving crew we had," Johnson said. "Joe Esposito and Brendan Warford were two of my best friends and I loved being able to play with them."

And although he is looking forward to college and playing baseball there, he has come to the realization that although he will enjoy it, things may not be quite the same as in high school.

"I don't know of course, but from what people tell me, your high school team is the closest you will every get to being like a family, even more so than college," Johnson said. "I am going to miss all my friends, teammates and coaches because they were such a family this year with so many of us being seniors. And after making that play on Thanksgiving I just want to play more."



The Wilmington High girls indoor track team gets its season underway on Saturday behind co-captains Katherine Chin (left) and Melissa Marques (right). (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

# Optimism surrounds girls indoor track team

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH  
Sports Correspondent

After losing his two most prolific scorers to graduation last year, Wilmington Girls Indoor Track coach Tom Bradley tempers his optimism with a tinge of reality as he reflects on this year's team.

"We've only practiced for a week," said Bradley, who admits that it is way too early to make predictions. "I don't have any goals in terms of wins and losses. We lost two key members [to graduation] last year and they scored a lot of points. I think we'll do alright. If we did as well as last season, I'd be very very happy."

True enough, Wilmington will find itself behind the 8-ball this Saturday when they open the indoor season against Ipswich at Lynn Tech. It is difficult for any team to recover after losing one key scorer, never mind look to replace two that were among the most competitive in the Cape Ann League. Still, Bradley will do what any coach in his situation inevitably must do: Look for new leadership to emerge.

To be sure, much of Wilmington's season this year rests squarely on the shoulders of their two senior captains, Melissa Marques and Katherine Chin.

"I expect them both to have good seasons," said Bradley whose two captains will, at the very least, be running the 4x400 meter relay, an event that has often proven pivotal to the team's larger success. In addition to the 4x400 meter relay, Marques will be the team's lead distance runner and jumper. Last year, Marques qualified for the States in both the 1,000 and high jump. Bradley is confident that she will score often and regularly for the girls in both events this season.

Marques will be joined in the distance events by several key runners. In the mile, Bradley will look for junior Jennifer Loranger and senior Katie Riley to both score regularly. Both girls competed in the event last year and showed much promise, especially towards the latter half of the season. In the 2-mile, junior Liz Pettigrew should be the team's prominent scorer. She will be joined either by Katherine McMahon or Caitlin Foley, two juniors who Bradley expects to make key contributions to this year's team.

In the middle distance events, senior Allison Flynn and sophomore Kim Gentile will lead the Wilmington girls. Flynn qualified in the 600 last

year and will, perhaps, also run the 4x400 relay from time to time. Gentile, meanwhile, is described by Bradley as much improved this year, and the coach fully expects that she will be a factor in the 600. In the 300, Katherine Chin will be the lead Wilmington runner.

While there are many unanswered questions surrounding the strength of the Wildcats' distance runners, Bradley does know what he can expect from several of his sprinters. Junior Debbie Lyons closed out an impressive season last year by qualifying for the States in the 50 meter hurdles. "She is one of the most talented kids on the team," said Bradley.

Lyons will also be the team's main shot-putter and should improve on her high of 32 feet last season. Junior Caitlin McNabb should also score regularly in the hurdles for the Lady 'Cats.

After shocking the league last year with her victory in the 50 meters during the Cape Ann League meet, sophomore Jackie Mello should, indeed, be the most formidable of Wilmington's lady runners this season.

"[Mello] was fabulous in the outdoor season," said Bradley. "She's got a lot of ability, and I expect that she will do three events in almost every meet."

Mello will certainly run the 50 and compose the final fourth of the 'Cats 4x400 meter relay team. Additionally, Bradley expects the sophomore to compete and score in the shot-put.

"I am definitely hoping to take advantage [of Mello's versatility]," said Bradley.

Junior sprinters Alicia Braid and Joanne Waterhouse will complete Wilmington's trio of runners in the 50.

In the jumping events, Bradley will almost definitely look for someone new to contribute. Braid and Marques will score regularly for the Wildcats and are proven jumpers. However, Bradley knows that he will need points from the fielding events if the girls can compete with last year's 6 and 4 record.

As Wilmington begins their season this Saturday, there are obviously more questions than answers, but amongst his 27 competitors, Bradley is sure to find, at least, one surprise.

"At this point I can't single anyone out, until a couple of meets go by, and I see how they do."

## Baseball umpires wanted

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Association (MVUA) announced that the umpiring clinic for adult men, women, and teenagers (over 16) who want to be trained as certified (patched) baseball umpires, is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 6th 2004 and continue on consecutive Tuesdays for the next seven weeks.

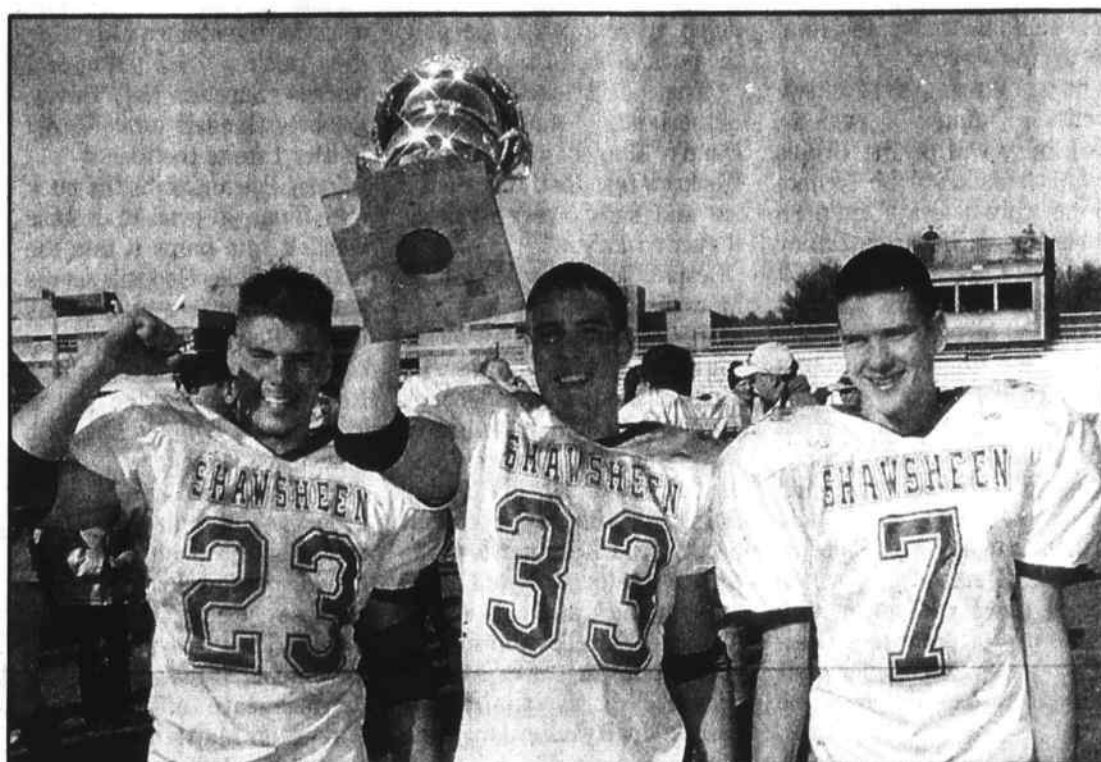
The clinics will be held from 6:30PM-9PM at NECCO (Northern Essex Community College- Haverhill, MA. campus). The cost for the seven week program is \$85.00. Anyone interested is urged to contact 2nd Vice President Paul Belkas 603-382-3773.

The MVUA provides umpires to all levels of baseball from college, AAU, Babe Ruth to Little League in MA. and NH. The MVUA has been providing quality umpires to this area for over 50 years.

The MVUA supports candidates of both genders, all ethnic groups and teens (men and women over the age of 16) to become umpires.

This year the MVUA had taken steps to insure that anyone who wants to be an umpire and attends the clinics, but due to language or learning difficulties may have trouble with the written exam, will be assisted as much as possible.

Anyone interested should call the Merrimack Valley Umpires Association 1st Vice President Steve Collins @ 603-235-5066, 2nd Vice President Paul Belkas @603-382-3772 or President Steve Martelli @ 978-423-1663, for more information or e-mail: U M P I R E S @MVUA.ORG.WWW.MVUA.ORG



Joe Esposito, Scott Johnson and Brendan Warford show off the Thanksgiving trophy after beating Greater Lowell on Thanksgiving morning. (Courtesy photo).

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What a thrill as a young hockey player to be able to say that you played a hockey game where an NHL hockey team calls home and meet one of the players, Dan McGillis. Stepping out onto the ice with the giant Bruins emblem in the center is an experience that these young boys will never forget.

For some it's a dream come true to play on the Bruins ice. For others in particular, Chris Connors, it was a birthday (10th) he'll never forget. For one grandfather (Robbie Goodell's) it was the first game he's seen his youngest grandson play this season and what a thrill to be at the Fleet Center and also see him score a goal.

Memories of a lifetime for what could be the up and coming Bruins players.

The game was played in two twenty minute periods. Tewksbury will be the Bruins and Marshfield will be Toronto on the score board. First period has Shawn Wackrow, Danny Mugford, Matt Brady, CJ Sutherland and Chris Trickett taking the face off and getting the action immediately into Marshfield's zone. Corey Poirier, Chris Connors, Neil Davey, Robbie Goodell and PJ Mugford keep digging and scrapping for the puck. Joshua Arthur, David Fiorello, Patrick Dempsey, Andrew Surette and Kyle Lawlor keep Marshfield on their toes chasing the puck. Goalie Matt Bonomo makes an awesome save.

Forwards keep the puck moving. Joshua Arthur and Patrick Dempsey find David Fiorello and send the puck to him. David Fiorello dumps the puck into the net. David Fiorello scores Tewksbury's first goal assisted by Joshua Arthur and Patrick Dempsey. Matt Brady, Danny Mugford, Shawn Wackrow, CJ Sutherland and Chris Trickett take charge of the ice. Constantly looking around for each other this line keeps it moving.

Here comes Shawn Wackrow

with the puck on plants it into the net. Shawn Wackrow scores goal number two. Tewksbury's on a roll and playing great.

Coming out strong on the next line change is PJ Mugford, Robbie Goodell, Corey Poirier, Chrsi Connors and Neil Davey who have Marshfield chasing for the puck. Andrew Surette, Kyle Lawlor, Joshua Athur, David Fiorello and Patrick Dempsey keep the action down in the M zone. Tewksbury's boys in red are all playing a great game and staying very focused. Shawn Wackrow, Danny Mugford, Matt Brady, Chris Trickett and CJ Sutherland take this game with back and forth motion.

Matt Bonomo makes a nice save. From the stands, all of the viewers seem to be having a great time watching this game. Corey Poirier, Chris Connors, Neil Davey, Robbie Goodell and PJ Mugford working the ice and the boards. Kyle Lawlor, Andrew Surette, Patrick Dempsey, David Fiorello and Joshua Arthur taking the puck away whenever the chance arise. Defense doing a great job at keeping the puck in the M zone.

Chris Trickett, CJ Sutherland, Matt Brady, Danny Mugford and Shawn Wackrow take their turn on the ice and show everyone what they are made of.

Despite Tewksbury's skating, Marshfield gets the puck and scores a goal. Corey Poirier, Chris Connors, Neil Davey, P.J. Mugford and Robbie Goodell decide to match manuevers when they get on the ice. Joshua Arthur, David Fiorello, Patrick Dempsey, Andrew Surette and Kyle Lawlor take the ice by storm. Kyle Lawlor gets the puck and zips it over to David Fiorello who in turn pops it in the net. David Fiorello scores goal three assisted by Kyle Lawlor. What a play. S

hawn Wackrow, Danny Mugford, Matt Brady, Chris Trickett and CJ Sutherland keep the momentum going. Danny Mugford gets the puck and launches it over to Matt Brady who pops it in the net. Matt Brady scores goal four assisted by Danny Mugford. At the end of the first period the score is Tewksbury 4 Marshfield 1.

Second period and Joshua Arthur, David Fiorello, Patrick Dempsey, Chris Trickett and

Chris Connors get the puck right into the M zone. Robbie Goodell, Neil Davey, Corey Poirier, PJ Mugford and Andrew Surette keep the action staying alive. Matt Brady, Danny Mugford, Shawn Wackrow, CJ Sutherland and Kyle Lawlor keep hustling out there. This game is going back and forth from one end of the ice to the other. Chris Connors, Chris Trickett, Patrick Dempsey, David Fiorello and Joshua Arthur make sure that they keep control of the puck. Weaving in and out and taking the puck away from Marshfield. Matt Bonomo makes a great save. Robbie Goodell, Corey Poirier, Neil Davey, PJ Mugford and Andrew Surette keep passing the puck to one another in a game of keep away from Marshfield.

Matt Brady, Danny Mugford, Shawn Wackrow, CJ Sutherland and Kyle Lawlor keep chasing the puck. Kyle Lawlor and CJ Sutherland doing a great job for the defense. Patrick Dempsey, David Fiorello, Joshua Arthur, Chris Trickett and Chris Connors make Marshfield work for the chance at getting the puck. PJ Mugford, Andrew Surette, Neil Davey, Robbie Goodell and Corey Poirier take to the ice.

Corey Poirier grabs the puck and flings it over to Robbie Goodell who bams it into the net. Robbie Goodell scores goal number five assisted by Corey Poirier. Lines keep changing and the Tewksbury Redmen bring on the power. Matt Brady, Danny Mugford, Shawn Wackrow, CJ Sutherland and Kyle Lawlor keep the action in their opponents end. Joshua Arthur, David Fiorello, Patrick Dempsey, Chris Connors and Chris Trickett staying focused. Matt Bonomo makes a beautiful face save off his mask. Way to go Matt! Neil Davey, Robbie Goodell, Corey Poirier, Andrew Surette and PJ Mugford keep chasing the puck and passing it to each other. Two more line changes and the game ends. What a game and an experience for both teams. Game ends Tewksbury 5 - Marshfield 1. Both teams played their hearts out. True Sportsmanship came at the end of the game when both teams congratulated each other and then exchanged team pins and towels. Both teams also took pictures out on the ice.

The Tewksbury Squirt III youth hockey team played at the Fleet Center, hosted by the Future Bruins Club. (courtesy photo).

The Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks National Free Throw Competition sponsored by: Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Lodge #2070 on Monday December 29th at 6:00 PM at John Wynn Middle School, 1 Griffin Way, Tewksbury, MA.

Catagories: boys and girls 8 and 9, 10 and 11, 12 and 13. Prizes: first, second and third place trophies for each catagory.

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This course is designed to meet the needs of both the "beginner," who wants to learn more about sailboating and boating safety, as well as for the "non-sailing power boaters," who may want to either broaden their skills or simply get a better understanding of the "sailing crowd," their sailing habits, maneuvers, limitations, etc.

The course will include: sailboat theory and techniques; boating safety; rules of the road; basic piloting and navigation; popular knots; marine electronics; winds and weather boating terminology; and safe boat handling skills.

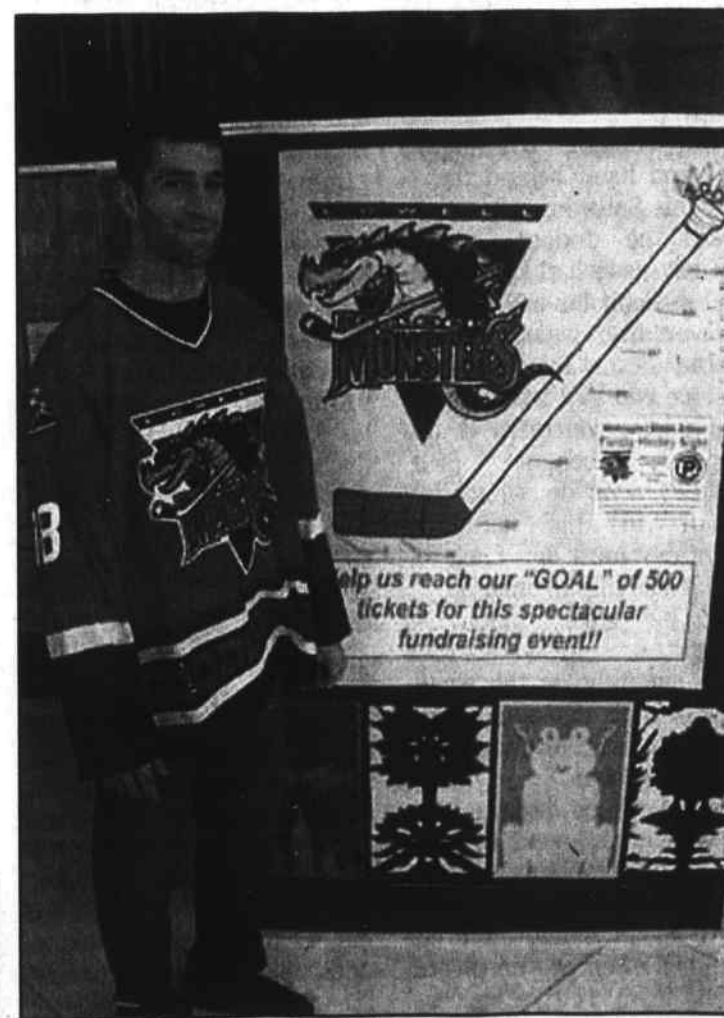
The instructors are all "sea-

soned" sailors/mariners with impressive credentials, who have enjoyed decades of assorted boating experiences, including blue water voyages, marina management, cruising to the Bahamas, etc.

The course will be conducted in the "Sail Loft" sections of the three co-sponsoring Newburyport, MA, restaurants: The Ten Center Street, The Grog, and The BluWater Cafe. Participants will have full food and beverage service available to them throughout each presentation. (The first session will meet in the Ten Center Restaurant.)

Registration forms may be obtained at the restaurants, or by calling (978) 502-9330, or e-mailing [highseasjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:highseasjohn@yahoo.com). The course fee of \$69 is payable with registration, as seating for this popular course will be on a first come first serve basis.

On Tuesday, Dec 2nd, Lock Monster hockey player, Mike Zigomanis, spoke to students at the Wilmington Middle School and promoted the January 3rd WMS family hockey night, at the Tsongas Arena. This is a fundraiser, to purchase a defibrillator, for the school. Tickets now on sale at the school. (Courtesy photos).



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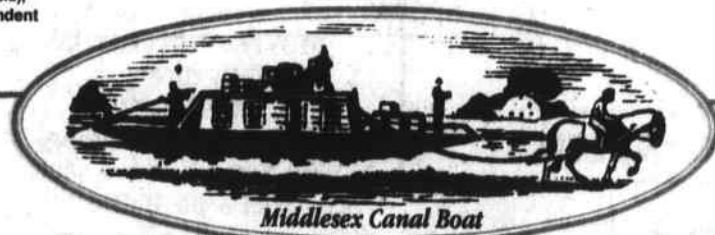
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A government grinch hampers the holiday spirit of a Burlington couple  
and their Russian friend

## DEAD REQUEST FOR VISA

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

Steve and Raina Harris are fairly successful and patriotic Americans who not only are proud of this country but want to share it with people from other countries that are less fortunate. As a result, they have hosted several children from foreign countries in their Burlington home.

However, recently bureaucrats in the United States Department of State, have questioned the judgement of the Harris's and have decided to block a student from Belarus the chance for a third visit. Because of the way the denial was put, which questions whether the Gomel, Belarus native, Darya Shurmina, would return to her homeland, the Harris's are

taking the denial of a visitor's visa personally.

In an October letter to the United States Embassy in Belarus, requesting a reconsideration of the denial Raina Harris wrote: "My personal word and integrity has been thrown in the gutter. I, a US citizen, stand for nothing when the decision by a state employee was made."

"I promised to make sure Darya returns home. I have no reason to perform any illegal acts. Yet, my word is nothing." This would have been the young Belarus' third visit to the United States and the Harris's home. Like all of the others it would have been an educational opportunity for Shurmina who is attending college in her homeland to study languages. During this stay she



STEVE AND RAINA HARRIS, a Burlington couple and former hosts to several foreign children, await the word on the return of their friend, Darya Shurmina. At right, Darya is shown at her graduation from the YMCA International Learning Center.



would be taking a second eight-week course at the YMCA of Greater Boston's International Learning Center to become more fluent in English.

At present Shurmina is fluent in Russian and German as well as her native Belarus. Because of her previous stays with the Harris's she is becoming proficient in English.

During her last visit, from August to November of 2002, Shurmina attended the International Learning Center at the Huntington Avenue branch of the YMCA of Greater Boston. She also made herself valuable as a volunteer in the Learning Center's office.

Raina Harris is an author with four books including her latest "Count the Ways," and an information technology consultant with the Greater Boston "Y" and Steve has his own company IRP, which does medical

information coding and other computer services.

The YMCA of Greater Boston's president, John M. Ferrell wrote to Ambassador George Albert Krol, the head of the Embassy in Minsk and stated that during Shurmina's visit, "She performed very well and the ILC staff eagerly await Darya's return. She'll be attending classes in January and February and once again assisting in the office."

The visit is not just for education though. Shurmina would also be treated to a trip to New York State to visit Raina's mother. A trip to Disney World in Florida was also planned.

All Harris has received for efforts at getting the decision reconsidered, is a form letter from Aaron P. Scheibe a vice consul, with the American

Embassy in Minsk. In this letter Scheibe states:

Dear Mrs. Harris:

I would like to begin by thanking you for your interest in Ms. Shurmina's case. The opportunity for Belarusians to travel abroad and develop per-

sonal connections with American citizens is an important part of our work in Belarus.

From my interview with Ms. Shurmina and your continued correspondence, I can tell

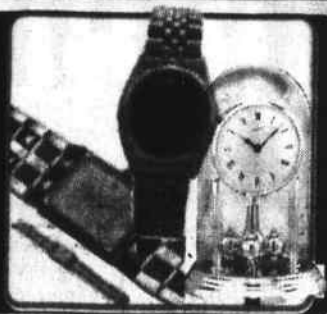
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What do you see behind a person's SMILE? We can't see but only HOPE that behind that smile there's a WARM, GENTLE, COMPASSIONATE HEART...

Tony Stack waited until he met a beautiful Colleen whose birthday is the 29th of February, then married her two weeks later.

Tony told me, "Chipper, I only have to worry about getting her a birthday present once every four years!"

I asked Bakery Queen Lidia Mastromattei, "How

much is your POUND CAKE?" She gave me one of her MONA LISA SMILES and said, "The pound cake is SIXTEEN OUNCES..."

Dennis Tully stopped his car and asked a pretty young lady waiting at a bus stop, "Do you want a ride Miss?"

"Are you heading north?" she demurely asked. "Yes, I am," Dennis excitedly shouted. "GOOD," she snapped back, "Give my regards to the polar bears!"

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## Movie Reviews *by Paul Feely*

### "The Haunted Mansion" lacks spirit

MOVIE: "THE HAUNTED MANSION"  
GRADE: \*  
This is Eddie Murphy's worst movie in years, and that's saying something. Murphy plays a realtor

who is trying to unload a mansion that has the reputation of being haunted. He doesn't believe the rumors, of course, and decides to spend a night in the house with his family, and supposed

hilarity ensues involving ghosts and flatulent jokes.

The movie is based on a ride at Disney World, and that should tell you something right off the bat.

The jokes aren't funny for anyone over the age of nine, and the sight gags certainly aren't scary in the slightest.

Moviegoers keep hoping that Murphy will once again make the type of comedy that made him famous, but he keeps picking scripts that disappoint.

#### SHORTTAKES

MOVIE: "BAD SANTA"  
GRADE: \*\*

This is the perfect film for those that never seem to get in the mood for the holidays, but if this is your favorite time of year, stay as far away from this movie as possible.

Billy Bob Thornton plays a wise-cracking drunk who works as a department store Santa while he cases the joint to rob it at a later date. His character hates Christmas, and he and his dwarf sidekick regularly swear at children and poke fun at almost every camp, Hollywood Christmas tradition you have ever seen on screen in the past.

The movie is very funny if you appreciate hardcore cynicism and have a sharp wit, but if you are happy running with the shopping crowd and stopping for the carolers, this

isn't the film for you.

MOVIE: "THE CAT IN THE HAT"  
GRADE: \*\*

Star Mike Myers, normally very funny in more adult roles, falls a bit flat in this portrayal of the classic hero of the famous Dr. Seuss book of the same name.

Myers tries very hard, but his physical comedic abilities are lost under a ton of make-up and a cat suit. There are a few risqué remarks thrown in to this children's movie, presumably for the parents to laugh at, but they really have no place in what should be a holiday classic for kids, but instead turns out to be nothing more than lethargic, unimaginative interpretation of the classic story.

Despite the high-priced visuals and special effects, the story is better told on pages meant for little hands than it is on the big screen.

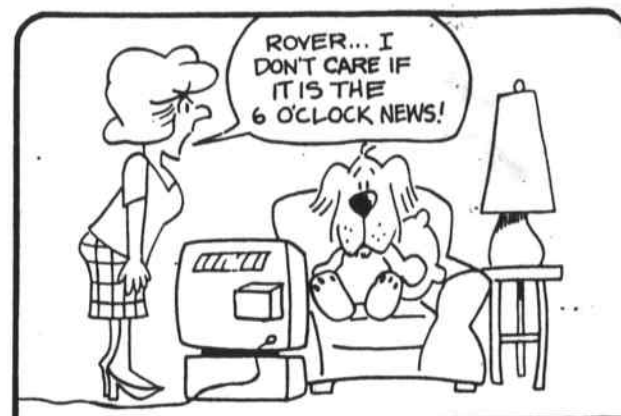
MOVIE: "ELF"  
GRADE: \*\*\*

Star Will Ferrell, known for his sometimes adult humor in other movies, turns in a performance suitable for viewers of almost all ages in this holiday tale.

Ferrell plays a human who is raised by elves at the North Pole, who then sets out into the real world to meet up with his actual family.

Ferrell is very good at physical comedy, and this classic 'fish out of water' storyline demands plenty of him. He is more than up to the task, and the result is a film that all can enjoy.

Movies to S-4



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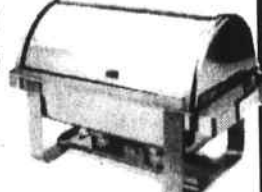
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## St. John's Honor Roll

Danvers - St. John's Preparatory School recently announced that 371 students earned academic honors for the fourth quarter of the 2003-2004 school year. This quarter, 82 students qualified for the Headmaster's List by earning grades of 90 percent or higher in all courses, and 289 students qualified for the Honor Roll by earning grades of 85 percent or higher in all courses.

"Having 371 students earn academic honors this term, given the difficulty of the task, is a tribute to the distinguished character of the students at St. John's Prep. To be successful in academics, while maintaining involvement in extracurricular activities, requires extraordinary focus and commitment, and it is an honor to commend these young men for their outstanding achievement," commented Headmaster Albert J. Shannon, Ph.D.

St. John's Preparatory School is a Xaverian Brothers sponsored, Catholic secondary school for young men. Founded in 1907, St. John's offers a challenging college preparatory program that emphasizes academic achievement, spiritual development, leadership and commitment to community service.

The following students were named to the Headmaster's List for the 1st Quarter 2003-2004.

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Henry DeSimone '07

Lynnfield  
Brian DiFillippo '07  
Christopher McNamara '06

Reading  
Ryan Lanigan '07  
Michael Rusinak '07  
Steven Soccorso-McCoy '07  
Brian Winne '07  
KangKui Wu '07  
Stoneham  
Colin Stanton '07

Tewksbury  
Michael T Cronin '04  
William DeFerrari '04  
Wakefield  
Justin Federico '07

Wilmington  
Carl Crupi '07

The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the 1st Quarter 2003-2004:

Burlington  
Michael J. Conway '06  
Daniel Dorazio '07

Daniel Schissler '05  
Brandon Shafman '06  
Shawn Torres '05

North Reading

Michael Bruce '05  
Nicholas Cipriano '06  
Lee Giunta '07  
Sean Hilliard '05  
Michael Hulley, Jr. '05  
David Poplaski '05

Reading

Andrew Barrett '07  
Kevin Barry '04  
Michael Dupuis '04  
Michael Fox '04  
David Keane '07  
Thomas Maguire '04  
Alexander Melanson '04  
David Sage '06  
Neil Scott '04  
Kevin Twomey '07  
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Michael Cancelliere '07  
Brian Capozzi '04  
Christopher Dukich '07  
Kevin McLaughlin '07  
Timothy Rybicki '07  
Wilmington  
Derek Concannon '05  
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Patrick Ryan '07  
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Erik Edstrom '04  
Sean Fullerton '06  
Andrew Mostone '06  
Daniel Sheehan '04

Woburn  
Christopher Manoogian '05  
Peter Toporzycki '07

## Art Guild Show this weekend

The Lynnfield Art Guild will hold its annual December Show and Sale on Saturday, December 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Centre Congregational Church of Lynnfield, 5 Summer St. Entrance to the show is free and there is plenty of free parking.

The show is a great opportunity to purchase fine arts and crafts in all price ranges for holiday gift giving, including a large selection of mini paintings. A raffle to support Art Guild Scholarships for seniors graduating Lynnfield High School includes beautiful

Art Guild to S-4

## About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

### THE POWER OF WORDS AND VISION

#### Seeing stars in Lynnfield

"Local resident and cardiologist Mario Motta, of 806 Lowell Street, has received the Las Cumbres Amateur Outreach Award for 2003," notes the "Lynnfield Villager."

"Motta received the award from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. He has been a member of the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston (ATMB) since 1994, but he received the award because of his outreach to local students.

"Motta received the award in Emeryville, California.

"As a participant in the ASP's Project ASTRO, Motta speaks to middle school classes on a bi-monthly basis. He is instrumental in bringing amateur astronomers from the ATMB to the Lynnfield Middle School for the annual fifth grade 'Star Night,' an evening program that gives students the opportunity to view the planets through high-powered telescopes. His efforts over the years led the PTO to purchase an inflatable planetarium for use during his talks.

"As president of the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston, Motta has guided the organization in promoting widespread public school 'star parties.'

"The award was established in 2001 and seeks to honor outstanding educational outreach by an amateur astronomer to K-12 children and the interested members of the public. His award consisted of \$500 and a plaque.

"In order to be considered as an 'amateur,' one cannot receive compensation (other than expenses) for their activity and does not receive the majority of their income from a profession in astronomy.

"The nonprofit Astronomical Society of the Pacific was founded in 1889 in San Francisco and has

members from all 50 states and 70 countries."

#### Growing pains in Woburn

"As expected, the Woburn City Council voted to grant two special permits that will allow Woburn Mall's 'safety improvement program' to move forward," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The vote to grant a special permit that will allow for additional space of about 41,000 square feet was approved on an 8-0 vote.

"A second special permit allowing the reduction of 257 parking spaces at the mall was approved, 7-1, with Ward 4 Alderman William Booker opposed. The Ward 1 seat is currently vacant.

"This is a project the city can get behind," said Ward 5 Alderman Paul Medeiros, whose district includes the mall.

"Medeiros and Woburn Mall officials came up with 27 conditions that would be imposed under the special permits. On the exterior, the project will include changes to the parking lot and a realignment of the main entrance to the mall opposite the entrance to Joe's American Bar & Grill, with a new traffic signal to create a four-way intersection on Mishawum Road.

"Mall officials also agreed to install sidewalks along Mishawum Road and Commerce Way, paint crosswalks, remove superfluous exterior signage and work with the Woburn Police Department to enforce a parking ban in the fire lanes around the building.

"There will also be improvements to the Commerce Way entrance in front of Market Basket, mall officials said.

"Inside the mall, space will be consolidated and converted into two new anchor stores, one of which will

reportedly be a Sports Authority outlet. The identity of the second anchor store has not yet been disclosed.

"At a public hearing, a representative from one of the smaller stores in the mall said he was concerned about being forced out to make room for the larger stores, but three other mall proprietors said at a subsequent committee meeting the project was needed to add some vitality to the shopping center.

"Also at the public hearing, a lawyer from DeMoulas Market Basket asked for time to resolve some issues with mall officials."

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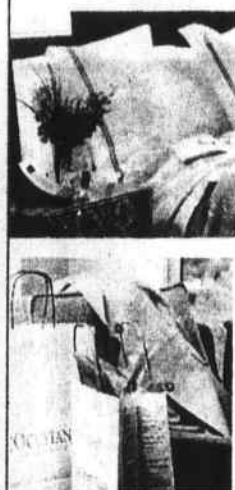
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**Movies From S-2**

Director Jon Favreau, known for his roles in films like 'Swingers' and 'Made Men', is at the helm of this one as director, and discovering that he has a flair for film is a refreshing revelation.

**MOVIE: "THE MATRIX: REVOLUTIONS"**  
**GRADE: \*\*\***

Like the ad slogan for the film says, "All things that have a beginning must have an end", and the Wachowski brothers have created a finale to their wildly popular series that would rival the end of any fireworks display.

Keanu Reeves returns as hero Neo, and Carrie Anne Moss reprises her role as Trinity, as they return to save the city of Zion, the last refuge of mankind against the machines running the world.

The religious overtones that have been present just below the surface throughout the series come to a head in this installment, and the special effects are once again state-of-the-art.

Fans of the first two movies will be very pleased with how the storyline wraps up, though someone unfamiliar with the background might wonder what the heck is going on while watching this one.

**MOVIE: "MYSTIC RIVER"**  
**GRADE: \*\*\***

Director Clint Eastwood has created a masterpiece in this thrilling crime drama, set against the idea that even the smallest of choices can eventually change our lives for better or worse.

The film, set in Boston, stars Sean Penn, Kevin Bacon, and Tim Robbins as three childhood friends who have taken very different paths in life (after one of them was abducted and abused as a boy), but are brought together by the death of one of their daughters, though not in the way you might (i.e. gathering at the wake). One is a cop, and investigating the murder of the teenage girl.

Boston looks great in the film, breathing life into the backdrop of every scene. The script is great, and fans of

the very well-written book by Denis Lehane that this is based on will be happy to hear that it is almost as good as the book itself.

**MOVIE: "SCARY MOVIE 3"**  
**GRADE: \*\***

This series has enough legs to stand on its own now, and enough name recognition to get young viewers to hand over their money for tickets, whether the reviews are good or bad.

The first 'Scary Movie' was written and directed by various members of the Wayans family, and was a witty, sometimes dead-on spoof of horror movies, and the way that black characters are often portrayed in those films. The film was outrageously funny at times, and filled with enough gross-out humor to warrant an 'R' rating.

'Scary Movie 2' was less original but just as funny at times, with the Wayans family back at the helm.

This time, the Wayans are nowhere to be found, and the series has been handed over to the creative team behind the 'Airplane!' and 'Naked Gun' movies, and the result is a watered-down, PG-13 version of the previous two films. The plot takes on not just recent horror movie hits, but movies like the Matrix

and television shows like 'The West Wing' as well.

Charlie Sheen stars, and upon initial viewing one would assume that he was about to end this series like he did the television show 'Spin City' when he took over for Michael J. Fox, but based on the weekend box office numbers (\$60 million and the No. 1 spot), we'll likely see a 'Scary Movie 4' at some point.

**MOVIE: "OUT OF TIME"**  
**GRADE: \*\*\***

Denzel Washington plays a police chief who is also the chief suspect in an investigation involving a woman he is having an affair with.

Washington is very good at portraying characters in everyday occupations, and he pulls it off again here, ratch-

eting up the tension level scene by scene as the investigation, and the plot of the film itself, spins off in a new direction with every clue revealed. You can clearly see desperation starting to take hold, and eventually control, of his character, who is searching for evidence on his own, all the while looking to keep the members of his department in the dark about his relationship.

**Towns From S-3**

those of my friends who think this is a terrible idea.

"I think it is a terrific idea. It is a beautiful spot. The evening sky will create a fantastic backdrop for our kids showing their stuff. It will be a great place for capturing their talents on video and film."

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# Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

**•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA**  
Who sacked New England Patriots coach Drew Bledsoe three times in Super Bowl XXXI? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•In a recent 4-3 win over Clarkson University, **READING'S SEAN COLLINS** had three goals for the University of New Hampshire. The next night, Collins tallied one goal in a 3-2 loss to St. Lawrence.

•In the same game discussed above, **READING'S STEVE SAVIANO** recorded three assists.

•Recently, this column incorrectly stated that **WILMINGTON'S RACHELLE SEE** was on the Massachusetts Girls Soccer Coaches Association Division 1 second team this fall. In

fact, we don't take his advice.

"I would hope that we could post a sign at this spot requesting that no language be any more colorful than that of Colonel Connelly himself. (Perhaps that might promote some historical research.)"

"And I would also like to suggest that we create a place to toss cigarette butts that is so enticing to use that none of them end up in the lake."

"Thanks, John, for your creative thinking on this one. Signed, Kory Hellmer."

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actuality, Winchester placed four players on the Massachusetts Girls Soccer Coaches Association Division 1 first team this fall - **JACKIE GRAHAM, KATIE BROOKS, AND KATIE CONNOLLY. AND SEE.**

•**WOBURN'S TONY JOHNSON**, a senior on the Merrimack College men's ice hockey team, had an assist on one of the four goals his team netted in a 4-1 win over Quinnipiac College.

•Reading's Chris Condon, a junior on the Colby-Sawyer College men's basketball team, is serving as team captain this year. Last season, Condon started in 18 games and is moving from small forward to power forward. He placed fourth on the squad in scoring (11.1 points per game) and rebounding (5 per game), and third in assists (1.6 a game). Condon scored a career-high 25 points at Gordon and led the team with 21 points in the NCAA game at Hamilton.

•**WINCHESTER'S STEPHEN LATTANZI** has had a very busy season as a member of the Choate Rosemary Hall (located in Wallingford, Conn.) where he has contributed to the team as a tight end, slotback, defensive end, and special teams.

•**NORTH READING'S ASHLEY HARMELING**, a junior on the Amherst College women's soccer team, has earned the title of the top 2003 New England Small College Athletic Conference women's soccer player of the year. She led the NESCAC with 18 goals for Amherst, helping to lead her team to the league championship and a slot in the NCAA Division 3 tourney.

•Need some help on this week's trivia question? His initials are R.W.

•**WAKEFIELD'S JULIE HIGGINS** pulled the Merrimack College women's basketball team to within two points in a recent game against UMass-Lowell, 62-60, by hitting one of two free throws, but the team eventually lost 64-60.

•**THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM** is recruiting new members for the 2003-2004 season. Prior experience on such a team is not needed, but eligible skaters must be age 25 by the preceding July 1. For more information call Team Manager Cheryl Milloy at 781-275-4476.

•**LYNNFIELD'S TORI SPENCE**, a senior at Johnson and Wales University (JWU) and captain of the women's tennis team the last two years, was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Women's Player of the Year. Spence has been a dominant force throughout the GNAC this year as she tallied a JWU record of 31 wins playing first singles and first doubles. She also set the career record at JWU tallying 99 wins in her four years at first singles and first doubles. Upon graduation in May, Spence will attend graduate school to pursue an MBA.

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** The player who sacked Drew Bledsoe three times in Super Bowl XXXI three times was Reggie White.

•**DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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The Home for the Holidays house tours begin at noon and run through 4 p.m. For more information contact Mary Ann Kozlowski at 781-944-8449.

## CHORALE ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY CONCERT

Join the NRCC for their annual Christmas Concert at the Aldersgate Church 235 Park St (Rte 62), North Reading on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. There is always a fun sing-along to familiar carols as well as refreshments during the intermission.

The North Reading community Choral is a non-profit organization providing entertainment for over 20 years to varied communities in and around North Reading. John Adams is the Director and Miles Goldberg, the accompanist.

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## ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Burlington Sons of Italy will hold registration for Italian Language Classes Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at St. Margaret's Church school Winn St., Burlington. Fee is \$70 for 10 weeks.

Beginner 1 class held at Burlington Library, Sears St on Monday evenings, starting Jan. 20. Beginner 2 & 3 and intermediate classes Wednesday evenings at St. Margaret's school, starting Jan. 21.

Intermediate advance and advance Thursdays at Burlington Library starting Jan. 22. Register early, space is limited. For information call 781-932-8203.

## WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield, 326 Main St. is holding its annual Winter Solstice Celebration on Sunday evening, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. It will feature various carols, wassails, recitations and dances from folk traditions as well as a Mummer's Play and other assorted revelry.

The Ha'penny Morris Dancers will join in the celebration again this year with their lively style of dance. Many traditional Winter solstice musical pieces will be sung and played on a variety of instruments.

The night will include lots of fun, music, dance and laughs. There is no cost for the event, and all ages are welcome. For more information, call the church at 781-245-4632.

## SUBURBAN ADVENTURE CLUB PROGRAMS

Suburban Adventure Club hosts 15+ diverse events per month - come make new friends and have fun. Upcoming events include:

Dinner Night at the Lemon Tree, Thurs. 12/11, Burlington 6:30 p.m., no club fee;

Portsmouth Holiday stroll & Strawberry Banke - Sun. 12/14, carpool 12:30 p.m., \$25; New Year's Eve Party - Wed. 12/31, Wakefield, 8:30 p.m. \$50.

For reservations, newsletter and info call/write 978-663-9495, www.SuburbanAdventureClub.com.

## SINGLE SQUARES CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Single Squares International will hold a Christmas Dance on Friday, Dec. 12 with "Mainstream with 2 Plus Tips" from 8 - 10:30 p.m. The caller is Matt Auger, cuer: Phil Gatchell.

Participate in the fun of the Chinese Auction. The cost is \$5 per person. The dance is at St. Anthony's Hall, 1020 Main St., (Rte 38N) Woburn. For info call Bev at 781-272-4185, Fred at 781-233-6894 or Eva at 781-890-2637.

## UMPIRES JANUARY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Assn. (MVUA) announces that the umpiring clinic for adult men, women, and teens (over 16) who want to be trained as certified (patched) baseball umpires, is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Jan 6 and continue on consecutive Tuesdays for the next 7 weeks.

The clinics will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at NECCO (Northern Essex Community College) - Haverhill campus. The cost for the seven week course is \$85. anyone interested is urged to contact 2nd VP Paul Belkas at 603-382-3773.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN

The Horizons Initiative is seeking volunteers to interact and play with children living in family homeless and domestic violence shelters in Greater Boston. A commitment of 2 hours per week for 6 months is required. Daytime and evening hours available.

Please call Karin at 617-287-1900, ext. 306 for more information and an application.

## TENNISNORTH WINTER SEASON

Area residents may register thru January 9 for TennisNorth's Winter Season

beginning January 15. Established 1990, the non-profit recreational league offers singles and doubles competition for players of all ages and levels from beginner to advanced.

Matches are played weekly by a flexible schedule at affiliated tennis clubs. This regular season runs thru March 12, followed by the playoffs which are completed by March 21.

The fee to register is \$45. Call 781-599-5634 for a free brochure and registration.

## READING ANTIQUARIAN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Once again the Parker Tavern will be decorated in holiday finery by the Reading Garden Club. Every other year, members of the Garden Club decorate the Tavern to create a beautiful holiday display which evokes the atmosphere of a colonial home during the Christmas season. Special appearance this year by Leslie Fuller, violinist, playing holiday, Scottish and contra dance music. Refreshments will be provided.

The Parker Tavern is located at 103 Washington St.,

Reading. The event is free and open to the public. For further information call 781-944-0885.

## FIFES & DRUMS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

New England's preeminent fife and drum ensemble will perform selections from their acclaimed Christmas CD entitled On Christmas Day in their first holiday concert series.

After debuting at historic Colonial Williamsburg on Dec. 8, the Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes & Drums will bring a festive evening of traditional Christmas music to the Concord Arts Center of Concord on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m., the Church of the Covenant in Boston on Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. and the First Church in Cambridge on Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

Each concert will feature orchestral woodwinds, strings and percussion to augment the ensemble's signature fifes and drums. Tickets available at the door.

General admission is \$15, \$12 for seniors and students, children 8 and under free. For further information call 781-488-

Calendar to S-11.

## In Stoneham

## "Potted Pleasures" now open

STONEHAM - A charming little gift shop called "Potted Pleasures" has come to Stoneham Center. Located at 4 Franklin Street, (the site of the former Hobby Connection), it provides ample free parking. While Potted Pleasures does specialize in gift baskets, they also sell greeting cards, candy,

handmade crafts, and a variety of gifts.

Owner Diane Guptill began making crafts and gift baskets out of her home. The name "Potted Pleasures" came from the use of terra cotta pots in most of her items. "I used to use the pots to make Santas, snowmen, witches, elves and

even gumball machines." Diane would also use the pots for her gift baskets. "I decorate the pots and fill them as you would a wicker basket. It's something different and can be used to hold a pot or other items when the goodies are gone." The pots can usually be personalize and while that is their specialty, wicker baskets and other containers are also available. Orders can be accepted for all holidays and occasions. Party Gift Shop to S-11

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# Visa: denied

From S-1

that a strong friendship exists between you. I trust that your close ties will continue in the future.

However, in response to your recent inquiries, please allow me to share an important facet of U.S. law that applies in Ms. Shurmina's case. Under the Immigration and Naturalization Act, as amended by Congress in 1991, section 214(b) applies to every appli-

cant for a visitor's visa to the U.S. Consular officers at Embassies abroad are charged with adjudicating visas pursuant to this Act, paying special consideration to section 214(b).

Section 214 (b) states clearly that "every alien shall be presumed to be an immigrant until they establish to the satisfaction of the consular officer, at the time of application for

admission, that he is entitled to a nonimmigrant status." The most frequent basis for such a refusal concerns the requirement that the prospective visitor possess a residence in their home country that they have no intention of abandoning. Applicants prove the existence of such residence by demonstrating that they have ties abroad that would compel them to leave the United States at the end of a temporary stay. The law places the burden of proof on the applicant. Ties are the various aspects of an applicant's life that bind him or her to their country of residence: possessions, employ-

ment or study, social and family relationships.

During the visa interview, we look at each application individually and consider a multitude of professional, social, cultural and other factors. In cases of younger applicants who may not have had an opportunity to form many ties, we look at the applicant's specific intentions, family situations, and long-range plans and prospects within their country of residence. Each case is examined individually and is accorded every consideration under the law.

In Ms. Shurmina's case, I personally interviewed her to

determine her qualifications under the Immigration and Naturalization Act. I did note: two previous trips to the U.S. as a member of a Chernobyl children's program.

However, based upon the balance of information presented during the interview, which concerned Ms. Shurmina's status in Belarus and the circumstances of her travel, I decided that section 214(b) of the Act applied to Ms. Shurmina's situation.

I would like to note that denial under Section 214(b) is not permanent and Ms. Shurmina is welcome to reapply in the future should her circumstances change. Unfortunately, some applicants will not qualify for a nonimmigrant visa regardless of how many times they reapply, unless their personal, professional and financial circumstances change considerably. Many young applicants like Ms. Shurmina do find that their situation changes frequently. In the event her situation does change and she feels that she would overcome section 214(b), my office would gladly welcome Ms. Shurmina's re-application.

Sincerely,  
Aaron P. Scheibe  
Vice Consul

This correspondent sent Schiebe an e-mail requesting more information on the decision and has not received a reply from him or any official spokesperson for the State Department. Among the questions was: "How many 18 year-

olds, especially the victims of the Chernobyl nuclear accident can meet the requirements of the code.

Shurmina is one of those victims, and Harris said, "Among other things she receives some medical treatment that is not available to her in Belarus, while in this country."

Harris takes her to a Russian doctor in Billerica who always sees Chernobyl victims when they come to this area. As a result of those visits, the Harris's pay for a supply of thyroid medicine for Shurmina to take back to her homeland.

The young woman first came here three years ago as a part of the Chernobyl Children's Project and Harris's contacts with that agency are also going on deaf hears. The only help a representative from the agency has been is to tell the Harris's to contact Senator Edward Kennedy's office as he has been successful in correcting similar situations in the past.

They have contacted U. S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy's office and are awaiting a response from the staff there. In the meantime presidential hopeful and U. S. Senator John Kerry has responded to the situation, as has U. S. Representative John Tierney who represents the Harris's district.

Other than friends of the Harris's, including next door neighbors Denise and Gerry Mills (he is a veteran Burlington police officer), Shurmina does not have friends of her own in this country.

She has family to return to in Belarus, where her mother and father still live. She also has a sister that lives there.

In a recent e-mail, she wrote, "I want to tell you something important (sic). I meet a very nice boy. He is my boyfriend now but we have some problem. This problem is distens (sic). He lives in Minsk. My sister said that he will be my future husband (sic) (I don't now). It is to early to (sic) say about it.

Love Dasha

It would seem the young woman has a lot of reasons to return to her homeland after a short stay in this country.

STONEHAM, Andrea Hart of TEWKSBURY, Arthur Brown of WAKEFIELD, Al Fiorenza of WILMINGTON, Ed Barret of WINCHESTER, Sherri Pesce of WOBURN.

A doctor at a social event said to ace mechanic Vinny Conte, Jr., "Why is it that auto mechanics charge almost as much for their services as members of the medical profession?"

Vinny Conte smiled and said, "Doctor, with all due respect for you and your colleagues, first class auto mechanics should be paid for their expertise. We have to learn and keep abreast of many new model cars, year after year, while those in the medical profession are still working on the same models since Adam and Eve..."

I said to a woman shopping at Lucci's, "Hello, how are you?" "I'm fine, thank you," she replied, "but why do you ask? I don't know you." "Oh, I'm sorry," I said as I took a closer look. "You look like Helen Green," I added. "Yes, I know," she admitted sadly, "I look like Helen Brown too..."

When the great artist Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling, he worked on a scaffold, laying on his back. After four years, he finally finished the giant mural. Workmen took away the many staging planks down, removed the drop cloths and washed the walls and floor.

At the dedication ceremonies, the Pope, cardinals and other dignitaries marveled at what was, and still is a masterpiece.

Later, the Pope whispered to Michelangelo, "Confidentially, it's a beautiful job, but doncha think it needs another coat?..."

## M.E. SANTA Fund

Donations for the Middlesex East/Salvation Army Santa Fund have begun to come in and as in the past people are very generous for the fund that sees the monies go to local families.

The work of the Salvation Army is well known but what is quite often overlooked is the fact that they have a real involvement with the ten communities served by the Middlesex East member newspapers.

In the past our readers have been very generous in their donations and as a small thank you Middlesex East publishes the names of the donors throughout the holiday season.

The M.E. Santa funds supplement the funds generated by the famous Bell-ringers at local stores and malls.

Please consider a generous donation to this worthy cause so they can continue their noble goals.

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### Woodchips from S-1

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There are TWO CONTESTS that I will hold soon. One is for the most beautiful BAR MAID and the other is for the UGLIEST BARTENDER. Blackie Vega won last year and I came

in second...

Kathy puts on so much cold cream and body oil that she SLIDES out of bed every morning....

I found out that if you have ONE CHILD, you are considered a PARENT. If you happen to have TWO CHILDREN or more, then you're more like a REFEREE.

Kathy sings in the church choir. The members went on a deep-sea fishing trip last summer and when a storm came up, two SOPRANOS were nearly lost on the High C's...

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"We look at this as an extension of the kettle campaign that's conducted every year," said Richard Haggerty, the coordinator of the program through the Middlesex East publications in the region.

The M.E. Santa regularly raises \$4,000 to \$5,000 that is distributed to families in this area through their area representatives helping local people.

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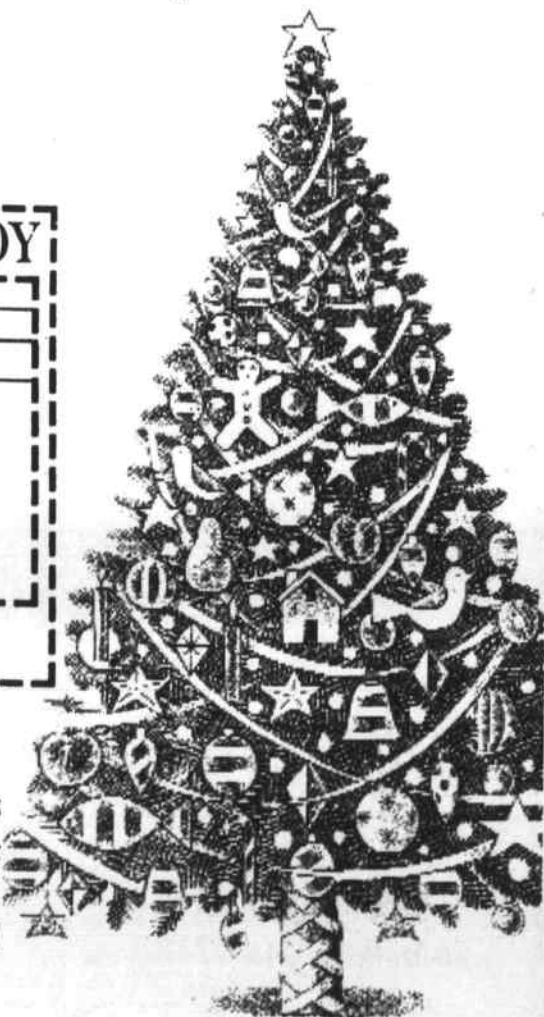


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#### Volunteers-

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The back of the home features a first floor sun-filled family room with a post & beam feel. The vaulted ceiling, exposed beams and wall of glass windows gives a somewhat contemporary feel without losing the warm feel of this home. The fabulous cherry kitchen is located off the family room and highlights another period fireplace, hardwood floors, cathedral ceiling, palladium window, ceiling fans, cen-

ter island with jennair cooktop, and French doors that open to a deck and nice fenced-in yard. There are two additional bedrooms on the second floor as well as 1.5 baths. The third floor provides either additional space to grow or extra storage with two rooms and extra closet space.

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- Don't assume that if you

like it, your landlord will also. Try to stay away from dark or loud paint colors that will be difficult to paint over. And be considerate with the holes you make into the walls, which will have to be patched later.

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6 MOHAWK LANE was sold to Jill Stelman by Michael &amp; Madeline Agganis for \$975,000.

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66 OLD ANDOVER RD was sold to Jacqueline &amp; Robert Parson by Jean Canuel for \$40,000.

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## -READING-

Median Price: \$375,000

10 BEAVER RD was sold to Grace &amp; John Buckley by Kevin &amp; Christine Hoag for \$569,900.

31 HILLCREST RD was sold to Steven &amp; Theresa Donovan by Gary &amp; Mari Ruzich for \$625,000.

21 RIVERSIDE DR was sold to Helen Silvestro by Jacqueline and Laurence Cosenza for \$449,900.

NO STREET GIVEN was sold to Johnson Woods RLTY Corp by Johnson Woods NT &amp; Edward Moore for \$6,600,000

## -STONEHAM-

Median Price: \$375,000

33 CEDAR AVE was sold to Michael Robert by Bowser George EST &amp; Robert S. Webber for \$420,000.

9 CHAPEL WAY was sold to Camela &amp; Gaetano Barone by John P. Regan for \$635,000.

1 DRUMMOND RD was sold to Stacy &amp; Michael Weaver by Frances A Rowan for \$345,900

120 FELLVIEW TERRACE U:122 was sold by Christopher Cinella by David Rosenberg for \$215,900

65 GOVERNOR RD was sold to John &amp; Lisa Faletta by Joseph &amp; Karen Celli for \$349,000

7 PATRIOT RD was sold to Richard Demasi by Edna Lee Betts for \$450,000

7 VERA LANE was sold to Dawn &amp; Marco Marignoli by Diane &amp; William Colon for \$497,500

## -TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$323,450

89 APACHE WAY U-89 was sold to Daniel Maier by Kathleen F. Jackson for \$254,900.

58 COOLIDGE ST was sold to Jeannette &amp; Luis Bairos by Lauren Brann &amp; Lauren Hourihan for \$297,500.

109 COOLIDGE ST was sold to Diane Testa by Barry Doherty for \$250,000.

98 LANCASTER DR was sold to Kerry &amp; Richard Gamby by Brian &amp; Joanne Thomann for \$472,500.

171 MERRIMACK MEADOW LN U171 was sold to Michelle Weitz by 674 East St NT &amp; Norbrt Pestana T.

48 PRIMROSE CIR U:48 was sold to Mary &amp; Scott Donovan by Michelle Wootan for \$305,000.

5 S ELIZABETH ST was sold to Gina Buehler by Elaine &amp; Joseph Tower for \$419,900

103 SARNO LANE was sold to John Whatley &amp; Patricia Cuzupe by Lisa &amp; Tomothy Keaney for \$361,700

13 STONEBURY WAY U:13 was sold to Ann and John Hill by William Livingston L &amp; P Prop. LLC for \$345,000

320 TRULL RD sold to Shawn Quinlan by William Livingston for \$351,000

341 WHIPPLE RD sold to Robert C. Robar by Barbara &amp; Peter Gilmartin for \$357,500.

## -WAKEFIELD-

THERE ARE NO WAKEFIELD TRANSFERS TO REPORT THIS WEEK

## -WILMINGTON-

Median Price: \$345,000

ALLENHURST WAY was sold to Laurence and Patricia Cushing by Donna &amp; Robert Bishop for \$125,000

20 BAKER ST was sold to George Driscoll by Ann &amp; Gary Landor for \$322,900.

95 MINK RUN ROAD was sold to Bmc Bldg LLC by Bay State Land T &amp; Lester Chisholm Tr for \$200,000.

514 SHAWSHEEN AVE was sold to Alan &amp; Christina Downey by Edith and Robert Graham Jr for \$359,900.

419 WOBURN STREET was sold to Charlene &amp; Edward Gallozzi by Paul Weinstein for \$263,000.

## -WINCHESTER-

Median Price: \$662,500

97 GROVE ST was sold to Kathy Digennaro Ho and David Ho by Peter Vanaken for \$675,000.

7 LOCKLAND RD was sold to Christopher &amp; Gretchen Centrulli by Fredrick Roesch &amp; Sarah Mattis for \$546,400.

9 SAWMILL BROOK RD was sold to Virginia Covino 2000 FT &amp; Virginia Covino by Margaret Hawkes for \$480,000.

19 WARREN ST was sold to Christopher &amp; Heather Kelley by Eric &amp; Anne Halvorson for \$792,000

## -WOBURN-

Median Price: \$329,000

269 CAMBRIDGE RD U-309 was sold to Harwood Sould Jr by Katherine Mirras for \$214,900.

5 COLUMBUS RD was sold to Patricia Murphy by Gail &amp; John Smith for \$365,000.

14 CRANSTON CIRCLE was sold to Slyuan Chen &amp; Di Yao by Hegui Zhang &amp; Hua Gheng for \$395,000.

49 DIX RD was sold to Aleksandr &amp; Lana Dubrovskiy by Antoinette Hitchcock for \$380,000.

10 FLOYD ST sold to Ivorlei Oliveira by Erlanio Terra for \$450,000

7 GROVE ST sold to Kurt McLaughlin by Janet Dowling &amp; Joseph Pecora for \$350,000

## Slack, Bailey honored

Colonial Manor, its owners Bobbie Botticelli and Rick Nazzaro, and associates, wish to congratulate Shirley Slack and Leslie Bailey, who are both celebrating 5 year anniversaries this month as realtors with the company.



SHIRLEY SLACK

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LESLIE BAILEY

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Should you have any questions about buying or selling in today's marketplace, give Shirley and Leslie a call at 781-944-6300 or 978-664-5857.

## Time out for kids to just be kids

The school year is in full swing and the kids' schedules are jam-packed with studying and various after school activities. Involvement in a variety of groups is a great way for students to keep busy, explore different interests and create a balanced life for themselves. But it can also be exhausting.

Reward them with a time-out to relax. Invite over a few of the new friends they have made, prepare some classic kid pleasers and host a party.

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Kids to 5-10

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- ☐ 4+ bedroom, 2 car garage
- ☐ Fireplaced living & family room
- ☐ 13 years young w/hw floors
- ☐ Too much to list
- ☐ Spec loc and yard

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WOBURN

- ☐ Reeves School location
- ☐ 4-5 bedroom Colonial
- ☐ Pristine Condition
- ☐ Hardwood floors & large rooms
- ☐ Private yard, dead end street

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TEWKSBURY

- ☐ Meticulous 4 bedroom Colonial
- ☐ 2.5 baths, 2 car garage
- ☐ Fireplaced 1st floor family room
- ☐ Central air, hardwood floors, etc.

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READING

- ☐ Great neighborhood, new construction
- ☐ 8 room, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath.
- ☐ First floor family room.
- ☐ Open plan, not a drive by.

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LYNNFIELD

- ☐ New waterfront Colonial
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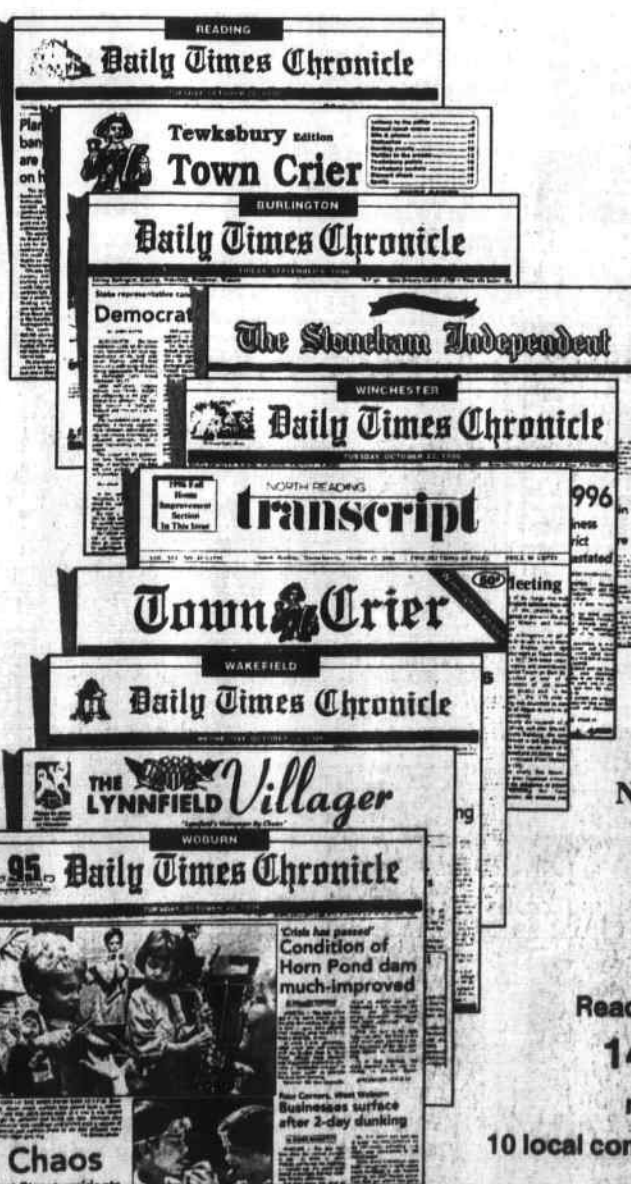
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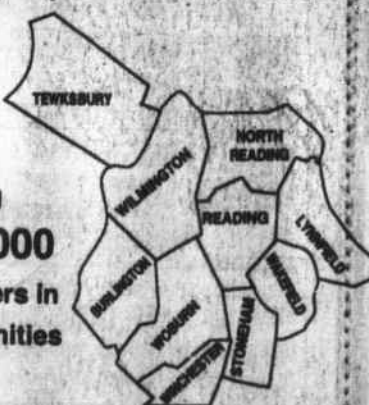


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He is also a member of the Wakefield Choral Society and St. Francis of Assisi Choir. He has coached North Medford Little League, Medford Babe Ruth Baseball and St. Francis of Assisi CYO Basketball.

Jim can be reached at 781-438-7600.

## Need a home office?

According to a recent Builder Magazine study, 54 percent of households have home offices and most architects now include them in new home plans. If your current home doesn't include an office, why not create one using an extra bedroom, underused closet or the kitchen pantry?

As in any remodeling job, start with the floors and walls. Stay away from carpet, which causes static electricity that can affect your electronics. Hardwood, while beautiful, is easily scratched by wheeled desk chairs. And although ceramic is durable, it will break most anything that you drop on it.

"Home offices are some of the busiest rooms in the house, so choose a floor that's beautiful, durable and low maintenance, like vinyl tiles and planks," advises Diane Martel, vice president of marketing for Nafco.

For the walls, choose a color that invigorates you or hang art that inspires you. Also, make sure you have adequate electrical outlets, telephone jacks and data lines. Next, install the right lighting and built-in lighting fixtures for general lighting.

Purchase office furniture based on your work habits. If



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you like to spread out, get a big desk and perhaps a credenza.

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desk or desk armoire might be adequate. Give yourself plenty of storage space using file cabinets, shelving or baskets. And don't forget to purchase a comfortable chair.

Finally, and most importantly, identify the office equipment you will need, including a personal computer, printer fax machine, copier and telephone. You might even consider hiring an expert to make sure it all functions properly. Once installed, get some conduit material to neatly hide computer wiring.

Whether you work at home or just like spending time on the Internet, treat yourself to a stylish, functional home office.

## Apartment

From S-7 personal style. Removable items are best for apartment living. They can add a needed splash of color and then be quickly changed the next time you have a whim.

• Don't wallpaper or make structural changes. It is very time-consuming process to remove wallpaper. Most landlords would prefer you don't use it at all. Consider instead removable borders that can easily be torn down when you move.

And don't knock down walls, cut holes in walls or install permanent structures like mold-

ings, without prior permission.

• Do ask your landlord to make repairs. This way you won't be responsible if something goes wrong.

• Don't hammer, saw or drill during late hours, disturbing your landlord and neighbors. You might end up getting yourself evicted.

• Do remember that although you live there it is not your house, so be considerate.

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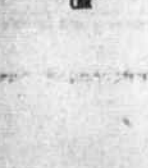
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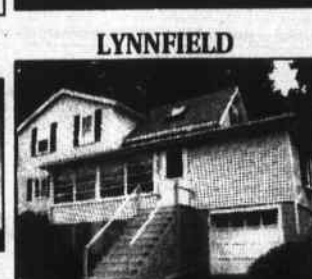
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### LYNNFIELD

WONDERFUL HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS! Well maintained and beautifully updated & decorated 3 bedroom Colonial in perfect in-town location. Quiet street. \$420's



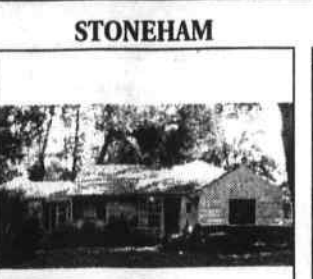
### READING

DOWNTOWN 2 FAMILY home located near train station on Main Street. Great potential. Presently used as Business & Residential. \$439,900



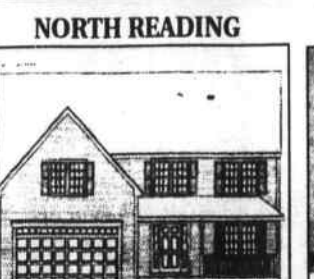
### READING

BEST VALUE AT SUMMIT VILLAGE! One level condo offers FP LR, DR, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths plus 2 patios & 2 deeded parking spaces. Privately located in quiet rear of complex. \$292,900



### STONEHAM

DON'T MISS THIS OVERSIZED custom Ranch. 8/3/1, 2 car heated garage, FR w/wet bar & FP, C/A, HW, great location! \$449,900



### NORTH READING

NEW 2400 S.F. COLONIAL under construction by MG Hall, will be ready for late winter delivery. 3 bdrms plus study, hwd flrs, FP FR, C/A, farmers porch & 2 car garage. Call for plans & specs. \$559,900



### STONEHAM

FABULOUS 2 BEDROOM corner unit @ desirable Villa Grande. Wonderful view from balcony, new carpet & paint. Great floor plan. \$219,900



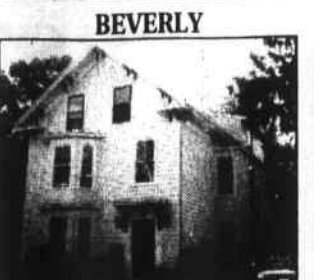
### READING

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR LONG TERM INVESTMENT! 4 bdrm Colonial in grt nbgbrhd offers open flr plan, flr to ceilings FP in FR, entertain size DR, 1st flr lndry, C/A, C/Vac, sec syst, 2 c gar. Bring your decorating ideas! \$609,900



### READING

GRACIOUS CE COLONIAL featuring 4 bdrms, 3.5 baths, 1st flr family room, granite kit, beautiful detail thru-out. Private lot at end of cul-de-sac in prestigious neighborhood. \$724,900



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### READING

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## Practice on your home fire escape

Every 80 seconds a residential fire occurs somewhere in the nation. Fire is the third leading cause of unintentional death in American homes. Yet according to a recent National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Home Fire Escape Survey, only 25 percent of families have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.

"Developing and practicing a home fire escape plan with everyone in your household can mean the difference between life and death," says John Drengenberg, Consumer Affairs manager for Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL). "It's important for all family members to be prepared to react as soon as a smoke alarm sounds."

UL safety experts offer the following home fire escape tips to help families make smart safety decisions in order to safely exit the home in the event of a fire:

- Install and maintain UL-Listed smoke alarms. Install at least one smoke alarm on each floor of the house or residence and outside all sleeping areas. Some fire safety advocates recommended installing smoke alarms inside sleeping areas as well.

- Gather family members and develop a fire escape plan. Draw a simple floor plan of your home and mark locations of every smoke alarm. Use arrows or other indicators to show two ways out of every room, including windows. Mark a location outside of the home for the family to assemble. Write "Call 911" on the escape plan.

- One step at a time - two hands at a time. If you live in a multi-story home, store a fire escape ladder that attaches to a windowsill in each room. Teach every family member who is old enough how to attach the ladder and safely

climb down.

- Practice makes perfect. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year with all members of your household. Some people, particularly children, older people and those with special needs, may not wake up to the sound of a smoke alarm. You should be aware of this when developing your home fire escape plan.

- A safe meeting place. Designate an outside meeting place where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Remember to get out first, and then call for help. Never return to a burning building for any reason. Belongings can be replaced, lives can't.

## Ideas for home improvement

What would the house be without all of your knick knacks, treasures, collections and photographs to make it truly home? As you go through life you manage to collect all kinds of objects to put on display. Oftentimes you cannot display it all, so it's best if you determine before you start to decorate what has potential and what should be put into storage.

Arranging accessories does not have to be difficult. With a few guidelines you should be on the road to success. Here is what you should look for, courtesy of WomensForum.com:

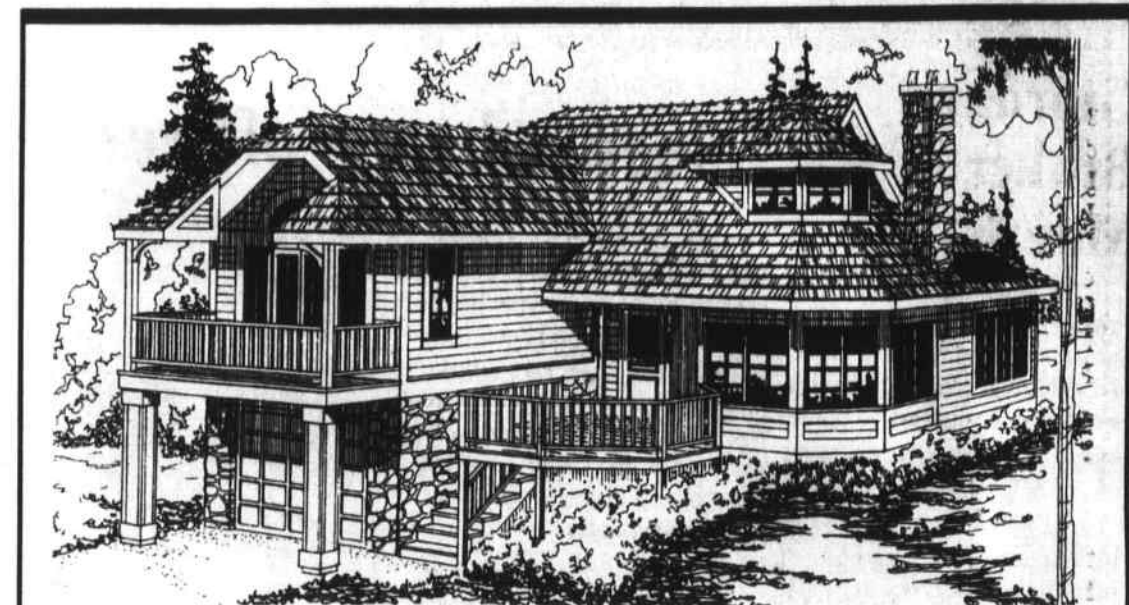
1. Evaluate items for color, perspective and height.
2. Accessorize one area at a time from the collection.
3. Vary the heights of the objects to be used together to stagger the altitude. Groups of three often work best. One of these can be greenery.

4. Do not line up two or more items of the same size unless you are arranging the interior of your china cabinet. Even if you were in the china cabinet, you would want to break up the line of plates by placing teacups in front of dimension.

5. A clever way to add height to an item that is too small is to sit it upon two or three stacked books or a box.

Sunrooms have glass ceilings and walls, while gardenrooms have an insulated ceiling for year-round use. Both offer a chance for enjoying your home and property to the fullest.

If you prefer to do entertaining outdoors to enjoy the sun,



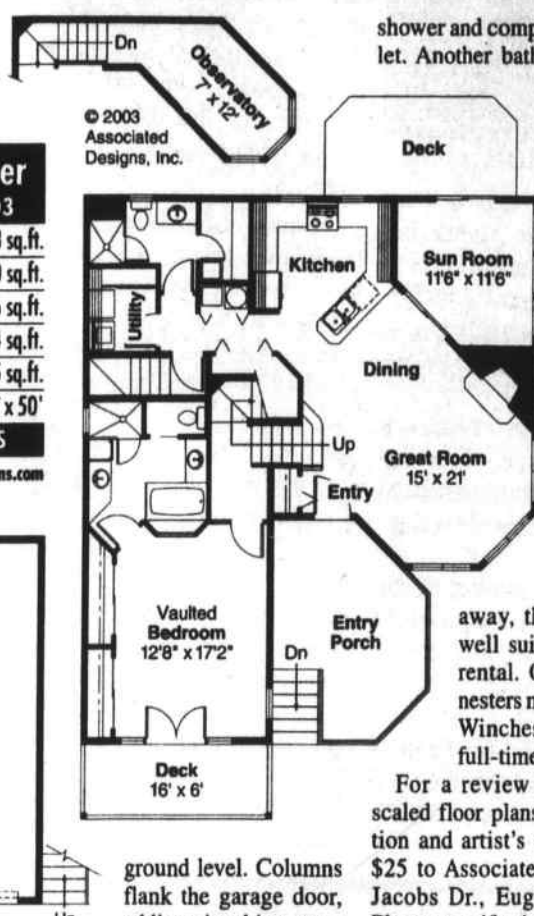
## Winchester is a cozy, outdoorsy getaway

By Associated Designs

Rich expanses of glass in the split-level Winchester make this home well-suited to watching ocean sunsets, keeping tabs on forest and lakeside wildlife, or appreciating countless other natural environments.

Windows wrap around three sides of a cozy observatory, perched alone at the highest level of the home. Outfitted with bookshelves, this lofty hideaway could serve as a library. Add a convertible couch and it becomes a unique, compact sleeping space.

A vaulted bedroom with private bath is located on the next highest level. Group living areas, including a great room, sunroom and partially covered front porch, are half a flight down, and an extra-long one-car garage is at



ground level. Columns flank the garage door, adding visual interest. Glass double doors open onto a wide deck from the bedroom, which features his and hers closets and a private bath with two vanities, oversized

shower and compartmentalized toilet. Another bathroom, with adjacent sauna and utility room, is conveniently close to the spacious great room, where most family activities will take place.

By day, the skylit sunroom is ideal for soaking up the rays. By night, it converts to a sleeping space if needed.

Designed as a vacation getaway, this home is also well suited as a vacation rental. Outdoorsy empty nesters might even find the Winchester an attractive full-time residence.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Winchester 30-003 and include a return address. A catalog featuring over 400 home plans is available for \$15. For more information call (800) 634-0123, or visit www.associatedesigns.com.

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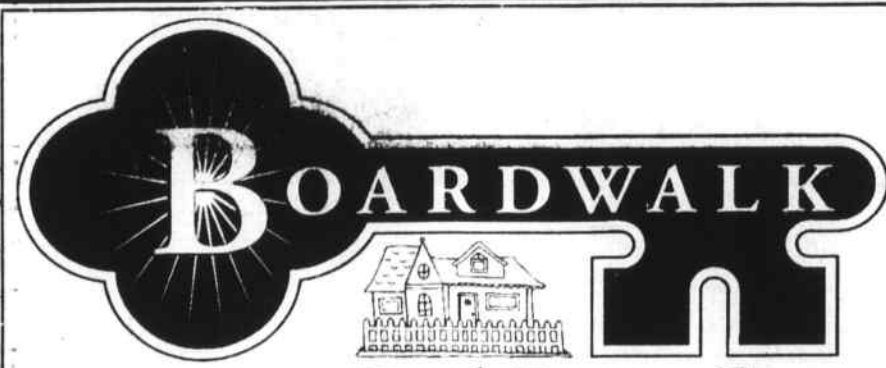
## Kids from 5-8

lessons or choir club keeps mom busy and leaves little time to plan ways to keep a group of kids entertained and fed. Though it requires a little planning, a few board games, some videos and a sense of humor will go a long way. And as for dinner, Idahoan® mashed potatoes makes preparing an exciting meal a snap.

Eating with your hands is a rare treat for kids, so let them go crazy by following up the pizza with melt-in-your-mouth Chocolate Chip Cookies. Adding Idahoan® Butter and Herb Flavored Mashed Potatoes to the cookie dough may seem

strange, but the potatoes make the cookies extra fluffy and so moist that they almost don't need to be dunked in milk. However, since dunking does incorporate that play-with-your-food-theme of the evening, it is still highly encouraged.

With a few fun recipes and lots of games and videos to keep them occupied, it is possible to throw together an easy and memorable party for the kids and become the coolest parent on the block. It is also a sure way to earn points for the next time it's necessary to remind them it's time to do their homework! For additional recipes and more information on Idahoan Foods, log on to www.Idahoan.com.



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the center of every tooth. Patients who experience pain in a single tooth for a long period of time are more likely to have sensitive pulp than patients who have situational sensitivity in several teeth, as is common with dental sensitivity. Pulpal sensitivity could indicate more serious problems and might require root canal therapy.

"It's always a good idea for patients to discuss sensitive teeth with their dentists. In some cases, simply changing toothpastes or brushing habits will do the trick. But in other cases sensitivity can be a symptom of deeper problems, which should be evaluated and treated in the dental office," Dr. Schooley said.

Based in Oak Brook, IL, Delta Dental Plans Association is a national network of independently operated not-for-profit dental service corporations specializing in providing dental benefits programs to 42 million Americans in more than 75,000 groups across the nation.

most Thurs. 3:40-5 p.m., in Dec. and Jan. Parent-child class on

Class location is the Healing Touch Institute, 37 Water St., Wakefield. Cost \$12 or 4/\$40. Call Lauri Weinstein, OTR/L, to reserve space at 781-438-0989.

### BURLINGTON TEMPLE HOSTS TOT SHABBAT

Temple Shalom Emeth, Burlington will host a Tot Shabbat program on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. at the temple. Following the Shabbat service will be a Special Presentation by "Magie by Janine"

Join as Janine puts on a fun filled 45 minute show, which includes magic, juggling and ventriloquism. Janine's show features plenty of comedy, mystery and audience participation. Children will be amazed as scarves change color, coins are plucked from the air, a newspaper is torn and instantly restored.

Tot Shabbat is open to all families with children ages 5 and under. Older siblings are always welcome.

Temple Shalom Emeth is located at 16 Lexington St., Burlington, and is a reform synagogue, serving Burlington and the neighboring communities. For additional information call 781-272-2351 or visit [www.uahc.org/ma/tse](http://www.uahc.org/ma/tse).

### LA LECHE MEETING DECEMBER 12

The gradual transition from breastfeeding to the family dinner table can be accomplished smoothly while instilling healthy attitudes about food. Practical information about weaning and family nutrition will be shared as La Leche

League of Wilmington meets to discuss "Nutrition and Weaning" on Friday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St (Rte 62), Wilmington. Women from surrounding towns are welcome.

This meeting is the fourth in the current series of four monthly meetings open to nursing mothers and their babies, as well as pregnant and other interested women. The discussion is informal, with opportunity to ask questions and share experiences.

The group maintains a lending library of books on breastfeeding, childbirth and child-care. La Leche League leaders may be called at any time for help, encouragement and practical suggestions regarding breastfeeding, or to obtain the manual, *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*.

For directions, further information or support call Karen at 978-657-8301 or Terry at 978-694-1073.

### HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AT MASSBANK

Reading residents who are looking to increase their "interest" in the holiday season may want to visit the Massbank at 123 Haven St. in downtown Reading on Friday, Dec. 12.

Massbank will be holding a Holiday Festival from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby. The event will feature a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus from 10:45 to 1:15.

The Humpty Dumpty Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children will visit with Santa around 10:45 a.m. The Burbank YMCA pre-kindergarten children will visit at about 12:10 p.m.

Customers and senior citizens are invited to come and hear "The Jazz Group" from the Reading Memorial High School Music Dept. from 1 - 1:45 p.m. Please come join in the fun, refreshments and entertainment.

### MUSIC TEACHERS 2003-2004 SEASON

The Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Assn. has begun its 2003-2004 season with many exciting and informative events scheduled. The organization, in its 25th year, offers music teachers the opportunity to grow professionally through lectures, and workshops, student Master Classes and recitals.

Its goal is to encourage and stimulate musical and artistic growth among students. This year's schedule includes programs on "Jazz Improvisation", "The Russian Style of Teaching" and a review of piano repertoire for different levels of student ability.

Student performance opportunities include a Winter Recital for all ages and a Master Class for advanced piano students.

The MVMTA welcomes new members. For more information please call Jodi Brickman, President at 978-470-3509.

### REENACTMENT OF THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

Bostonians are invited to exchange their old, glass coffee pots and brewers at the Old South Meeting House, site of the infamous 1773 Tea Party protests, and exchange them for a FLAVIAA SB100 brew-by-

pack coffee brewer for the home. Free.

For each of the first 342 pots exchanged, FLAVIAA Beverage Systems will make a donation to help support the 230th Anniversary Reenactment of the Boston Tea party at the Old South Meeting House on Sunday, December 14.

Come Friday December 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to the Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington St. (at Milk St.) in

Boston.

### MENTAL ILLNESS

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Eastern Middlesex meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Horizon House, 78 Water Street, Wakefield at 7:30 p.m.

All friends and families of those with mental illness are welcome. For more information call 978-664-4991.



## Gift shop

From S-5

favors can also be created to suit individual needs.

As for other items sold, they have baby gifts, gourmet candy, candles, Red Hat Society gifts, collectibles and much more. A must-have are the decadent chocolate-covered pretzels. Each pretzel is first dipped into creamy caramel, then rolled into a variety of toppings such as coconut, toffee crunch, peanut butter chips, butterscotch chips or chocolate chips. If this weren't indulgent enough, they are then covered in either white, dark or

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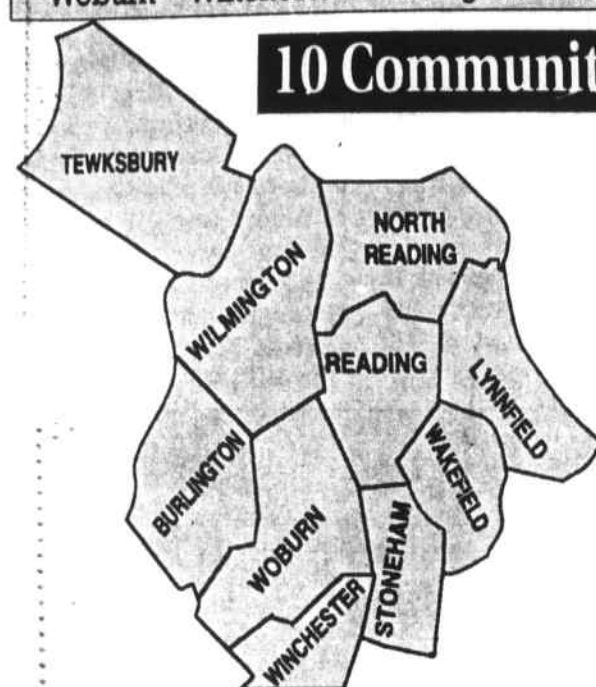
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## In youth Help alleviate low self-esteem

In a recent survey of child-care professionals in the United States, 78 Percent agree that low self-esteem among pre-adolescents and adolescent girls leads to high-risk behavior including drug and alcohol use, smoking, risky sexual behavior, eating disorders and dropping out of school. More than 70 percent agree that low self-esteem among tweens and teens is a critical problem in the U.S.

A new program developed by Girl Scouts of the USA and Unilever addresses this alarming problem by fostering self-esteem in girls, ages 8 to 14, across the country and in Puerto Rico-with a focus on girls in underprivileged communities. uniquely ME! the Girl Scout/Unilever Self-Esteem Program integrates the latest research on self-esteem issues from the renowned Girl Scout Research Institute and helps develop the skills necessary to face life's challenges.

Olympic gold medalist, gymnastics superstar and uniquely ME! program partner, Dominique Dawes, will help raise awareness of self-esteem issues and will visit girls across the country to talk about building confidence and

appreciating one's best attributes.

"Everyone has to deal with self-esteem issues-even celebrities and top athletes," said Dominique Dawes. "I hope that through uniquely ME!, we can empower girls to fulfill their dreams."

A few of Dominique's self-esteem tips are to:

- Find a role model in your own community.
- Spend time with someone who believes in you and will work with you to set high goals.
- Celebrate you! Reward yourself when you have accomplished something.
- Challenge yourself to try new things. Try a computer course, learn some new dance steps, speak in front of a large group or join an after-school activity club.
- Give back to your community. Helping others is an excellent way to feel great about yourself.
- Be good to your body. Remember to exercise, eat well and get plenty of sleep.

The core curriculum of uniquely ME! includes three activity booklets designed for specific age groups: 8-10, 11, 12 and 13-14 years of age. The booklets are available in

English and bilingual English/Spanish versions and will be accessible to Girl Scout troop leaders, adult volunteers and girls across the country.

The booklets focus on appreciating one's best attributes, handling peer pressure, healthy eating habits, hygiene, general wellness and other important issues as a way to boost self-confidence. Empowering activities enable girls to build an understanding of what self-esteem is and how to foster it in themselves.

Select activities will be available on the GSUSA Web site for girls who are not involved in Girl Scouts. Visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org) for more information.

## Are your teeth very sensitive?

Sensitive teeth vex some 45 million adults in America. Cold foods and drinks can be the first alerts to a possible problem, which has multiple causes and several solutions.

"Tooth sensitivity can be relatively superficial, often resulting from the wearing away of tooth enamel, or it can lie deeper in the tooth's structure. In either case, dentists have ways to address the problems," said Edward Schooley, DDS, a national oral health advisor for Delta Dental Plans Association.

The more common type of sensitivity is dentinal sensitivity, a reaction of tiny nerves within fine tubules that comprise the bulk of the tooth, called dentin. The nerves can be irritated when they're exposed, after protective tooth enamel or gum tissue is worn away.

This erosion of tooth enamel can be caused by a variety of factors. Even more products and procedures meant to improve the appearance of teeth can cause this wear and tear. They include overly abrasive toothpaste, some whitening and tartar-control ingredients, or unnecessarily rough brushing. Tooth grinding (bruxism) can also leave the nerves in dentin exposed, as can poor oral hygiene, which results in a buildup of plaque at gumlines. Plaque can leach minerals from teeth, weakening enamel and exposing dentin.

"Dentists can intervene with several procedures to help patients with sensitive teeth. Professional cleaning helps by removing the plaque that weakens enamel. Dentists can also apply varnishes or sealants, which block tubules in dentin and shield nerves," Dr. Schooley said.

Dentists can also evaluate whether sensitivity is a reaction of the tooth pulp, the mass of blood vessels and nerves at

Teeth to S-11

## School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

### A TIME FOR INTROSPECTION AND INSPECTION

#### Self study in Tewksbury

"Tewksbury Memorial High School (TMHS) needs your help," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"Currently, TMHS is involved in a self-study, the first phase of the accreditation process for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The school's administration is looking for volunteers from the community to assist."

"So far, several volunteers have stepped forward, but Ginamarie Talford, the Accreditation Committee Co-Chairperson, stresses that as many volunteers are needed."

"(The New England Association of Schools and Colleges) likes to see parent and community involvement and so do we," states Talford.

"All are welcomed and encouraged to participate. A specific background or skill is not necessary in order to effectively contribute. The committee will be establishing seven self-study subcommittees with a minimum of 5 members on each."

"We need as much help as we can get," says Talford.

"The self-study also includes student involvement. A number of students have volunteered to serve on the committee. All students filled out a self-study survey."

"The Tewksbury School Committee voted to provide the Accreditation Committee with five half-days of school, plus three days normally devoted to professional development, to devote to the study. Those eight days should provide ample time to complete the study, but will be spread out through three semesters."

"Then we write our executive summaries," says Talford.

"TMHS will be visited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 2005 for the next phase of the evaluation."

"Schools undergo the accreditation process every 10 years. Tewksbury's most recent accreditation was done in 1994, but Superintendent Dr. Christine McGrath sees the accreditation process not as an occasion to prepare for, but more as a consistent dedication to the students of Tewksbury."

"Accreditation is no longer an event. It is a journey," McGrath states. "It is an ongoing commitment to self

renewal as an institution."

"TMHS Principal Dr. Gerald Ferris recently participated in a self-study down in Dartmouth,

Massachusetts. He came away from the event with the utmost confidence in Tewksbury's present standing."

"We are in good shape," Ferris reports....

"Anyone interested in volunteering time or in learning more about the self-study should contact Ginamarie Talford at TMHS. She may be reached during school hours at 978-640-7825."

#### Joy of learning in Winchester

"Director of student services Robert Belmont thanked all instructors, nurses, custodians and Frank Row, Lynch School principal, for their participation in the extended year school program," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"This program is state-mandated for students with disabilities who might experience severe and substantial regression if an extended school year program was not provided."

"In Winchester, the program ran from July 7 to Aug. 15, served 66 students for thirty school days and was located at the Lynch School. The cost for all services was approximately \$83,000, Belmont said."

"Based on each student's Individual Educational Plan (IEP) for school year 2002-2003 and their grade placement, the program was delivered through two integrated preschool classes, one specialized preschool classroom, one kindergarten-through-grade-two, one learning center for grades three through five, and one specialized learning center, Belmont explained."

"It also involved one speech and language pathologist, one nurse, one behavioral psychologist, one occupational therapist and one physical therapist."

"The program's focus was on literacy immersion, social responsibility and the joy of learning," Belmont said.

"Instruction sought to help in the areas of reading, language arts, spelling, written language, communication and mathematics. It looked to develop skills as well as maintain those integrated into thematic units relating literature, science, social respect and responsibility, and immersing the students in the joy of learning in a highly supportive and positive learning environment."

"At the conclusion of each program, each parent received his or her child's written progress report highlighting the student's progress in the extended school year program."

"I had the joy to go back and see parents and students," Belmont said....



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